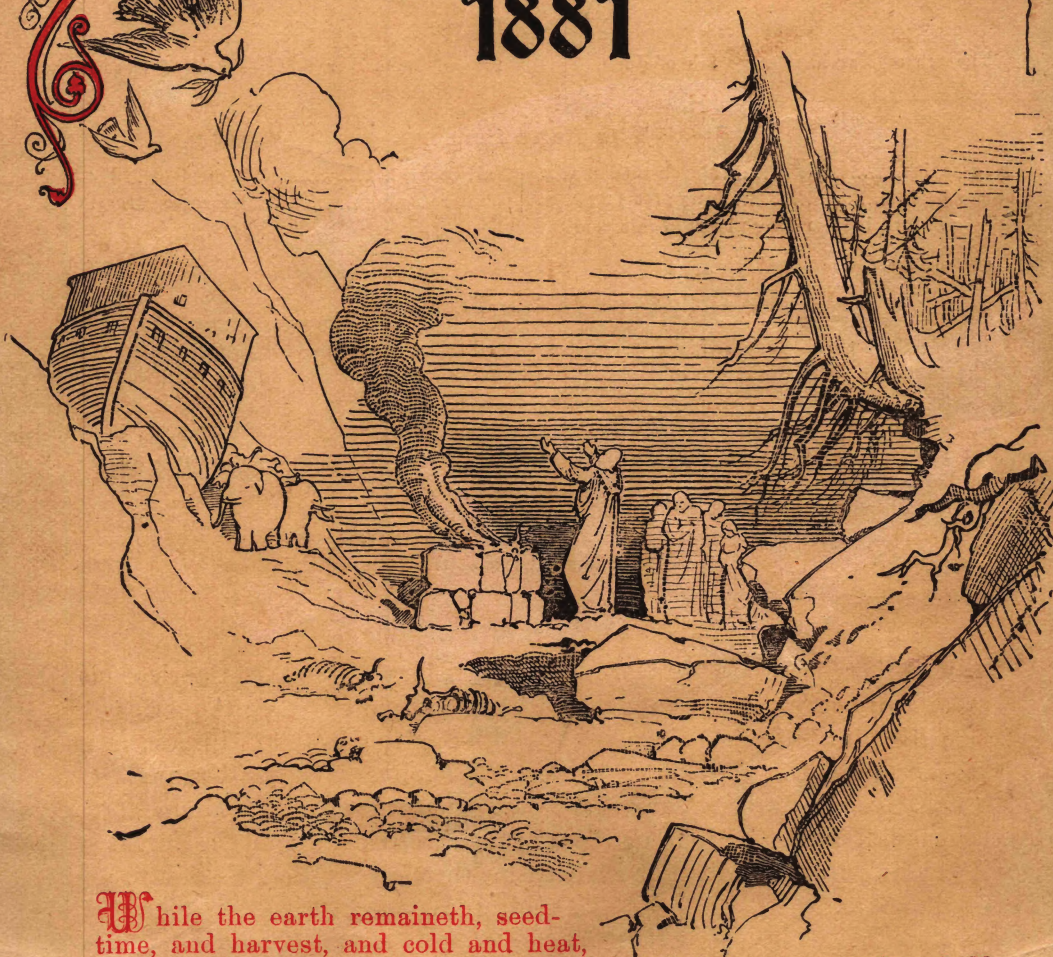


Almanac

for the
Reformed Church
1881



While the earth remaineth, seed-time, and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease. GEN. 8: 22.

The Year of Our Lord 1881.

This is a common year of 365 days. It is the 105th of the independence of the United States; the 6542nd of the Julian Period; the 5642^d of the Jewish Era (commencing September 24th); the 1299th of the Mohammedan Era (commencing November 23d); the 365th since the commencement of the Reformation, and the 319th since the publication of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Church Account.

Sunday Letters.....	B	Easter.....	April 17.
Epact.....	30	Whitsuntide	June 5.
Golden Number.....	1	Trinity.....	June 12.
Circle of the Sun.....	14	1. Sunday of Advent.....	November 27.

Ember Days.

The 9th of March.	8th of June.	21st of September.	21st of December.
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The Four Seasons.

Spring begins.....	March 20th 6 A. M.	Fall begins.....	September 22d 4.41 P. M.
Summer begins.....	June 21st 1.52 A. M.	Winter begins.....	December 21st 11.7 A. M.
$\frac{1}{2}$ Saturn is the ruling planet of this year.			

Eclipses in the Year 1881.

In 1881 there will be four Eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon.

The first is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 27th, invisible; visible in the northwestern States by sunset.





















The second is a Total Eclipse of the Moon June 12th, visible in New York at 1.57 A. M., in Philadelphia at 1.52 A. M., in Cleveland at 1.29 A. M., in Milwaukee at 1.11 A. M., in St. Louis at 12.47 A. M. Time of Eclipse, 3 hours 26 minutes.

The third is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, November 21st, invisible.

The fourth is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, December 5th, invisible.

Passing of Mercury, November 7th, invisible; visible on the Eastern Hemisphere.

Explanation.

 Aries	 Cancer	 Libra	 Capricornus
 Taurus	 Leo	 Scorpio	 Aquarius
 Gemini	 Virgo	 Sagittarius	 Pisces
 Sun	 Venus	 Jupiter	 Uranus
 Mercury	 Mars	 Saturn	 Moon

♋ Descending Node: Moon or Planet runs through the Ecliptic North.

♊ Ascending Node: Moon or Planet runs through the Ecliptic South.

♌ Conjunction.

☐ Quadrature.

♍ Opposition.

Apogæum — Distance from Earth ... | Perigæum — Near Earth | Aphelion — Distance from Sun | Perihelion — Near Sun.



The New Year.

OUR HELPER, God! we bless Thy name,
Whose love forever is the same;
The tokens of Thy gracious care
Open, and crown, and close the year.

Amid ten thousand snares we stand,
Supported by Thy guardian hand;
And see, when we review our ways,
Ten thousand monuments of praise.

Thus far Thine arm has led us on;
Thus far we make Thy mercy known;
And while we tread this desert land,
New mercies shall new songs demand.

Our grateful souls, on Jordan's shore,
Shall raise one sacred pillar more;
Then bear, in Thy bright courts above,
Inscriptions of immortal love.

PHILIP DODDRIDGE.

WE SLEEP and wake and sleep, but all things move;
The sun flies forward to his brother suns;
The dark earth follows, wheeled in her ellipse;
And human things, returning on themselves,
Move onward, leading up the golden year.

Fly, happy, happy sails and bear the press;
Fly, happy with the mission of the Cross;
Knit land to land, and blowing heavenward
With silks and fruits and spices, clear of toll,
Enrich the markets of the golden year.

But we grow old. Ah! when shall all men's good
Be each man's rule, and universal Peace
Lie like a shaft of light across the land,
And like a lane of beams across the sea,
Through all the circle of the golden year?

ALFRED TENNYSON.

1st Month

JANUARY,

31 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago		Philadelphia		MOON		SUN SLOW	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			SUN		SUN		Ri. & Se. SIGNS			
			RISES H. M.	SETS H. M.	RISES H. M.	SETS H. M.	H. M.			
S.	1	NEW YEAR	7 25	4 35	7 21	4 39	6 16		4	Venus s. 11.48
Sunday after New Year			Matth. 3: 13-23. Titus 3: 4-7.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h. 10m. Philadelphia 9h. 18m.	
S.	2	Mar. Holy Script.	7 25	4 35	7 21	4 39	7 18		4	
M.	3	Gordius	7 24	4 36	7 20	4 40	8 26		5	♂ ♀
T.	4	Titus	7 24	4 36	7 20	4 40	9 42		5	Venus sets 8.16
W.	5	Simeon	7 23	4 37	7 19	4 41	10 43		6	7* south 8.37
T.	6	Epiphany	7 23	4 37	7 19	4 41	11 44		6	♂ ♀
F.	7	Widukind	7 22	4 38	7 18	4 42	morn		7	♂ ♀
S.	8	Severinus	7 22	4 38	7 18	4 42	12 46		7	F. Quarter 2.45 M.
1st Sunday after Epiphany			Luke 2: 41-52. Romans 12: 1-6.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h. 18m. Philadelphia 9h. 26m.	
S.	9	Cath. Zell	7 21	4 39	7 17	4 43	1 38		8	Castor south 12.4
M.	10	Paul Thebes	7 20	4 40	7 16	4 44	2 35		8	
T.	11	Fructuosus	7 20	4 40	7 16	4 44	3 33		9	
W.	12	J. Chastellian	7 19	4 41	7 15	4 45	4 30		9	♂ ♀
T.	13	Hilary	7 18	4 42	7 14	4 46	5 20		10	☾ in Apogee
F.	14	Felix	7 18	4 42	7 14	4 46	5 53		10	Moon in ☾
S.	15	John D' Laski	7 17	4 43	7 13	4 47	rises		10	Full Moon 6.9 M.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany			John 2: 1-11. Romans 12: 7-16.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h. 28m. Philadelphia 9h. 36m.	
S.	16	Geo. Spalatin	7 16	4 44	7 12	4 48	6 2		11	Venus sets 8.36
M.	17	Antony	7 16	4 44	7 12	4 48	6 59		11	
T.	18	J. Blackader	7 15	4 45	7 11	4 49	8 5		11	
W.	19	H. Catechism	7 14	4 46	7 10	4 50	9 11		11	☉ ent. ♄
T.	20	Sebastian	7 14	4 46	7 10	4 50	10 22		12	Neptune
F.	21	Agnes	7 13	4 47	7 9	4 51	11 27		12	
S.	22	Vincent	7 12	4 48	7 8	4 52	morn		12	Proc. south 11.12
3d Sunday after Epiphany			Matth. 8: 1-13. Romans 12: 17-21.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h. 38m. Philadelphia 9h. 46m.	
S.	23	Isaiah	7 11	4 49	7 7	4 53	12 27		12	L. Quarter 3.23 M.
M.	24	Timothy	7 10	4 50	7 6	4 54	1 40		13	
T.	25	Paul's Conversion	7 9	4 51	7 5	4 55	2 51		13	
W.	26	Polycarp	7 8	4 52	7 4	4 56	3 54		13	
T.	27	Chrysostom.	7 7	4 53	7 3	4 57	4 50		13	Moon in ♄. ♂ ♀
F.	28	Charlemagne	7 6	4 54	7 2	4 58	5 42		13	☾ in Perigee
S.	29	Juventin	7 4	4 56	7 0	5 0	sets		14	New Moon 7.24 E.
4th Sunday after Epiphany			Matth. 8: 23-27. Romans 13: 8-10.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h. 54m. Philadelphia 10h. 2m.	
S.	30	H. Mueller	7 3	4 57	6 59	5 1	6 8		14	☐. Neptune ☉
M.	31	Hans Sachs	7 2	4 58	6 58	5 2	7 14		14	♀ in ♄

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, changeable. 3, 4, snow. 5-7, cold. 8-10, snow. 11-13, cold. 14, 15, cloudy. 16-18, snow. 19-21, coldest days. 22, 23, mild. 24-26, changeable. 27, 28, snow. 29-31, cold.

II. KINGS 13: 14. Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father! the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof!

15. And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

16. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put



his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

18. And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

19. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

Why am I Reformed?

OR, WHY AM I, AND DO I EXPECT TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH?

Most persons when they make a profession of religion and unite with a Church, enter that one in which their parents have lived, and in the bosom of which they have been brought up. This is quite natural, and entirely in accordance with God's ways of providence, the more especially when there is reason highly to love and respect these parents for their tender care, and godly lives and examples. And yet, amid the multiplicity of separate denominations at the present day, each of which has some peculiarity and some special claims to respect, the question will arise, perhaps first in after years, whether this church is in all respects the purest, and the one most worthy of continued love, and the sphere in which to labor. Making thus a retrospective examination of the whole ground, comparing the peculiar gifts of our sister denominations, and the characteristics of the Reformed Church, we think there is good reason why we should cling faithfully to the Reformed Church, and continue to be a member thereof.

FIRST, I am a member of the Reformed Church because it is plain that it is MY DUTY to be an active member of SOME CHURCH. It was the will of Jesus, the great Captain of our salvation, to gather men into a community, which He himself called His "Church" (*ἐκκλησία*): "Upon this rock I will build my CHURCH; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matth. 16: 18.) The duty

of an open confession of Christ He repeatedly insisted upon, in the strongest and most emphatic terms. We hear Him saying: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven." (Matth. 10: 32.) "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, BUT ON A CANDLESTICK: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." (Matth. 5: 14, 15.) He instituted public rites (Lord's supper, Baptism), which He commanded to be observed by all. "This do in remembrance of me." (Luke 22: 19.) He promised to be present with the church until the end of the world. "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matth. 28: 20.) Connection with Christ and His church is also necessary for every one who wishes to be and to remain an heir of salvation. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine: no more can ye, except ye abide in me If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered." (John 15: 4, 6.) Connection with the church is the channel through which, ordinarily and by appointment of Christ, grace and the gifts of the Spirit flow to the believer, to establish him in faith, and to arm him against the temptations of the world and the assaults of Satan. Hence we find, that at Pentecost, the believers at once became an organized community (Acts 1: 4-9; 4: 1-4; 1: 12-26; 2: 1, 41-47 etc.) Every one that was converted WAS ADDED to the church (Acts 2: 41; 4: 4 etc.) and we find in the early ages not

2nd Month

FEBRUARY,

28 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago		Philadelphia		MOON		SUN SLOW	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	RI. & Se.	SIGNS		
			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		M.	
T.	1	Ignatius	7 14	59	6 58	5 2	8 21		14	
W.	2	Purif. Virg.	7 05	0	6 57	5 3	9 20		14	♂ ♀
T.	3	Ausgar	6 59	5 1	6 56	5 4	10 18		14	Venus sets 9.2
F.	4	Rhab. Maurus	6 57	5 3	6 55	5 5	11 16		14	♂ ♀ ♄. ♂ ♀ ♄.
S.	5	P. J. Spener	6 56	5 4	6 54	5 6	morn		14	F. Quarter 7.30 E.
5th Sunday after Epiphany			Matth. 12: 24-30. Col. 3: 12-17		Day's length:		Cleveland 10h. 10m. Philadelphia 10h. 14m.			
S.	6	Amandus	6 55	5 5	6 53	5 7	12 8		14	Sirius south 9.20
M.	7	George Wagner	6 54	5 6	6 52	5 8	12 58		14	
T.	8	John Cooper	6 53	5 7	6 51	5 9	1 46		14	Antres ri. 3.30
W.	9	Apollonia	6 52	5 8	6 49	5 11	2 34		14	
T.	10	F. T. Ortinger	6 51	5 9	6 48	5 12	3 16		14	Moon in ♈
F.	11	Hugo of St. Victor	6 50	5 10	6 47	5 13	3 54		14	♄ in Apogee
S.	12	Lady J. Grey	6 49	5 11	6 46	5 14	4 50		14	♄ sets 9.53
Septuagesima Sunday			Matth. 20: 1-16 1 Cor. 9: 24-10: 5.		Day's length:		Cleveland 10h. 24m. Philadelphia 10h. 28m.			
S.	13	C. F. Schwarz	6 48	5 12	6 44	5 16	5 48		14	
M.	14	B. of Querfurt	6 47	5 13	6 43	5 17	rises		14	Full Moon 1.0 M.
T.	15	Jacob of Loh	6 45	5 15	6 42	5 18	7 10		14	
W.	16	M. Desuebas	6 44	5 16	6 40	5 20	8 24		14	Andro. sets 9.46
T.	17	Constantin	6 43	5 17	6 39	5 21	9 30		14	♄ in ♏
F.	18	Simon, Mar. 107.	6 42	5 18	6 37	5 23	10 35		14	
S.	19	Mesrob	6 41	5 19	6 36	5 24	11 40		14	☉ ent. ♄.
Sexagesima Sunday			Luke 8: 4-15. 2 Cor. 11: 19-12: 9.		Day's length:		Cleveland 10h. 40m. Philadelphia 10h. 42m.			
S.	20	Sadoth	6 40	5 20	6 35	5 25	morn		14	
M.	21	Clarnoon	6 38	5 22	6 33	5 27	12 49		14	L. Quarter 2.5 E.
T.	22	Washington	6 36	5 24	6 32	5 28	1 55		14	
W.	23	B. Ziegenbalg	6 34	5 26	6 31	5 29	2 46		14	Moon in ♏ g. f. east
T.	24	Matthias	6 33	5 27	6 30	5 30	3 21		13	
F.	25	Casp. Olevianas	6 32	5 28	6 29	5 31	4 6		13	♄ ♀ ♄ r. 4.16
S.	26	Bernh. Haller	6 31	5 29	6 28	5 32	4 56		13	♄ in Perigee
Estomihi Sunday			Luke 18: 31-43. 1 Cor. 13.		Day's length:		Cleveland 11h. 0m. Philadelphia 11h. 6m.			
S.	27	M. Bucer	6 30	5 30	6 26	5 34	5 41		13	
M.	28	T. de M. Corvii	6 28	5 32	6 25	5 35	sets		13	New Moon 6.8 M.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, pleasant. 3, snow. 4,-6, cold. 7,-9, changeable. 10, cloudy snow. 12,-14, bright. 15, 16, cloudy. 17, 18, snow. 19, 20, cold. 21,-23, mild. 24, 25, cloudy. 26,-28, rain and snow.

ECCLESIASTES 11: 4. He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

5. As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

6. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou



knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

7. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun:

8. But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

the slightest trace, that any one dreamed of being a Christian, without being at the same time a member of the church. The evidence is absolutely overwhelming that all who became believers and had the hope of salvation, at once became and afterwards remained members of some church.

This is necessary, also, in order that we may become co-workers with Christ and the Apostles, in the work of gathering, furthering and establishing the kingdom of God. "For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (1 Cor. 3: 9.) There is work to do in the world. It is a poor idea of life, to devote it altogether to the things of time. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matth. 2: 4.) The church affords the fairest and best field for work for the cause of Christ, that is open to us in this world. Therefore I am, and shall remain a member of some church of Christ, and by preference I cling to the Reformed Church.

SECOND, I do this, because the more thoroughly I have examined the doctrines held in the Reformed Church, both separately, and in their inseparable connection, as forming a whole, the more thoroughly I am convinced that these grasp and felicitously express THE VERY HEART OF THE GOSPEL. There are many points of doctrine, on which men have differed widely and which they have debated warmly, that are left altogether free in the Creed of the Reformed Church, because they refer not, directly at least, to the essence of the gospel, and are subjects about which men very naturally differ. They ought therefore to be left open to the conscientious examination of each one. It is well known, that the "Creed" of the Reformed

Church is founded reverently and entirely on the revelations of the Scriptures, and formulated in one book, called the HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, because it was drawn up at Heidelberg, Germany, as an expression of the faith of the Reformed Church, to be laid before the German Diet, and its Roman Catholic Emperor. It met with uncommon favor in that age, not only in Germany and in Switzerland, but in France, Holland and in England. It was, as a matter of fact and history, approved and endorsed by ALL BRANCHES of the Reformed family of churches. When the Protestants divided into two great families, the Lutheran and the Reformed, it is well known that those outside of Germany (with the exception of Scandinavia), and a considerable portion of the German nation (especially the western portion, on both sides of the Rhine) confessed the Reformed faith. This Reformed Family (including the Presbyterian, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist etc.) now embraces the largest and most active protestant communities in the world. The Heidelberg Catechism is, beyond all question, the best and most celebrated of all the Reformed confessions, having been formally approved, in all European lands, shortly after its publication.






































Now when we study and examine this book, meditate upon its spirit, search into its deeper meaning, we will find, as we said above, that it expresses "the very heart of the gospel":

a) It does this by giving prominence throughout to the "DOCTRINES OF GRACE". By this we mean that circle of doctrines which teach, that God's plan of salvation for man is not a salvation on account of his worthiness, or his works, or his knowledge, or his culture, but a salvation based on the free grace of

3d Month

MARCH,

31 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago				Philadelphia				MOON		SUN SLOW	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			SUN				SUN				Ri. & Se. SIGNS			
			RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		
T.	1	Schrove Tuesday	6 26	5 34	6 23	5 37	7 8		13					
W.	2	Ash Wednesday	6 24	5 36	6 22	5 38	8 16		12	Venus sets 9.40				
T.	3	Bathilde	6 23	5 37	6 21	5 39	9 21		12	♂ ♀ ♄ ♀ ♃ ♀.				
F.	4	Geo Wishart	6 22	5 38	6 20	5 40	10 30		12					
S.	5	Thomas of Aquin.	6 20	5 40	6 18	5 42	11 38		12	♂ rises 4.0 E.				
Invocavit Sunday			Matth. 4: 1-11. 2 Cor. 6: 1-10.				Day's length:		Cleveland 11h. 21m. Philadelphia 11h. 25m.					
S.	6	Zach. Ursinus 	6 19	5 41	6 17	5 43	morn		11					
M.	7	Perpet & Felic	6 17	5 43	6 16	5 44	12 29		11	F. Quarter 2.38 E.				
T.	8	Philemon	6 16	5 44	6 15	5 45	1 18		11	Moon in ♄.				
W.	9	EMBER DAY	6 15	5 45	6 14	5 46	2 16		11					
T.	10	40 Martyrs	6 13	5 47	6 12	5 48	3 14		10	 in Apogee				
F.	11	William Hoseus	6 12	5 48	6 11	5 49	3 50		10					
S.	12	Gregory	6 11	5 49	6 10	5 50	4 21		10	Regul. south 10.39				
Reminiscere Sunday			Matth. 15: 21-28. 1 Thes. 4: 1-7.				Day's length:		Cleveland 11h. 40m. Philadelphia 11h. 42m.					
S.	13	Rudericus	6 10	5 50	6 9	5 51	4 58		9					
M.	14	Mathilda	6 9	5 51	6 8	5 52	5 29		9					
T.	15	Thos. Cranmer 	6 7	5 53	6 7	5 53	rises		9	Full Moon 5.23 E.				
W.	16	Heribert	6 6	5 54	6 5	5 55	7 30		9					
T.	17	Patricius	6 5	5 55	6 4	5 56	8 50		8	♄ sets 8.33				
F.	18	Alexander	6 3	5 57	6 3	5 57	9 58		8					
S.	19	Mary & Martha	6 1	5 59	6 1	5 59	10 58		8	7* sets 11.13				
Oculi Sunday			Luke 11: 14-28. Eph. 5: 1-9.				Day's length:		Cleveland 12h. 0m. Philadelphia 12h. 0m.					
S.	20	Amb. of Siena	5 0	6 0	5 0	6 0	11 59		8	☉ ent. in 				
M.	21	Benedict	5 59	6 1	5 59	6 1	morn		7	Spring begins				
T.	22	Nich. v. d. Fluee 	5 58	6 2	5 58	6 2	12 54		7	L. Quarter 10.5 E.				
W.	23	Wolff of Anhalt	5 56	6 4	5 57	6 3	1 40		7	Moon in ♄				
T.	24	Florentius	5 55	6 5	5 56	6 4	2 31		6					
F.	25	Gabriel	5 54	6 6	5 54	6 6	3 8		6	 in Perigee				
S.	26	Emanuel	5 53	6 7	5 53	6 7	3 42		6	♂ ♄ ♂				
Lætare Sunday			John 6: 1-15. Gal. 4: 21-31.				Day's length:		Cleveland 12h. 16m. Philadelphia 12h. 16m.					
S.	27	Lindger	5 52	6 8	5 52	6 8	4 16		5					
M.	28	Gideon	5 51	6 9	5 50	6 10	5 2		5	♂ ♄ ♂				
T.	29	Eustasius	5 49	6 11	5 49	6 11	sets		5	New Moon 5.8 E.				
W.	30	Guidio	5 47	6 13	5 48	6 12	7 35		5					
T.	31	Amos	5 45	6 15	5 46	6 14	8 37		4	♄ ♂ ♄ ♄				

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, changeable. 3-5, pleasant. 6, 7, cloudy. 8, 9, cold. 10-12, clear. 13, 14, changeable. 15, 16, snow. 17-19, very cold. 20, 22, pleasant. 23, 24, cloudy. 25, rain. 26, 27, pleasant. 28, 03 cloudy, rain. 31, clear.

EXODUS 12: 5. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats.

7. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side-posts, and on the upper door-post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.



8. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

13. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

God in Christ Jesus. This, as all must know, is the great burden of Paul's epistle to the Romans, and agrees with the spiritual experience of Christians of all ages. These doctrines of grace have sometimes been overlaid with minute metaphysical deductions of reason, that have called forth unceasing opposition, and produced a large number of sects. But the Reformed Church holds and teaches them in the simplest and most Scriptural form. "I am righteous before God, not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, but because only the satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God; and that I cannot receive or apply the same to myself in any other way than by faith only." (Heid. C. 61.)

b) It expresses "the very heart of the gospel", by making Christ (His person and work in inseparable union) CENTRAL in its theology and in its religious teaching. It is in truth one of the great merits of this Catechism, which is becoming more and more plain with each succeeding century, that it does not make any doctrine, or work, the central object, on which faith must fix itself, but it gives this place to Christ himself; not to any doctrine concerning Christ, nor even to Christ's teaching, nor to any of the peculiar doctrines of Christianity (however important these may be): but the great object of faith is CHRIST HIMSELF, thus agreeing with the Scripture. "Believe on THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shall be saved."

c) It does this, further, by laying special stress upon a LIVING UNION WITH CHRIST. The doctrine of the "MYSTICAL UNION OF BELIEVERS

WITH CHRIST" is one that is too much overlooked in most Creeds; at least we find it nowhere expressed so clearly and so emphatically as in the Heid. Cat. It is a very prominent doctrine of the New Testament (Gal. 2: 20; Rom. 12: 4, 5; Eph. 4: 15; John 15: 1-7 etc.) None is of more value, both in Theology and in practical Christian life and growth in Holiness. None is more frequently brought forward in the Heidelberg Catechism. "Only those are saved by Christ, WHO ARE INGRAFTED INTO HIM, and receive all his benefits by a true faith." (Cat. 20.) "I am a Christian, because I AM A MEMBER OF CHRIST by faith" (32). "The Holy Spirit is given to me, to make me by a true faith A PARTAKER OF CHRIST AND ALL HIS BENEFITS" (53) etc.

d) It does this further by clearly stating and enforcing "the misery of man", in his natural state, as one lying under inherited corruption of nature, and under condemnation on account of actual sin; a view not only Scriptural, but confirmed by all experience. These doctrines (The Misery of Man, The Grace of God, The Life and Sacrifice of Christ and the Mystical Union of believers with him) may be called "the central dogmas of Christianity". And because they are made so clear and so prominent in her creed and teaching, I love the Reformed Church, and will continue to cling to her communion. I can do this without depreciating any of the excellencies of other denominations.

THIRD. The HISTORY of this Church is one altogether worthy of respect and love. The earliest Protestant Reformer, ULRICH ZWINGLI, laid its foundation in Switzerland, as a

4th Month

APRIL,

30 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago		Philadelphia		MOON		SUN FAST	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	RI. & Se.	SIGNS		
			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		M.	
F.	1	Theodora	5 44	6 16	5 45	6 15	9 27		4	♂ ♀. ♀ sets 9.31
S.	2	Theodosia	5 43	6 17	5 44	6 16	10 14		4	
Judica Sunday			John 8: 46-59. Gal. 4: 21-31.		Day's length:		Cleveland 12h. 36m. Philadelphia 12h. 34m.			
S.	3	G. Tersteegen	5 42	6 18	5 43	6 17	10 59		3	7* sets 9.48
M.	4	Ambrose	5 41	6 19	5 42	6 18	11 46		3	
T.	5	Chr. Sriver	5 40	6 20	5 41	6 19	morn		2	Moon in ♊
W.	6	Albr. Duerer	5 39	6 21	5 40	6 20	12 32		2	♂ in Apogee
T.	7	Olaus Peterson	5 38	6 22	5 39	6 21	1 10		2	F. Quarter 10.30 M.
F.	8	Martin Chemnitz	5 37	6 23	5 38	6 22	1 48		1	
S.	9	Th. of Westen	5 35	6 25	5 36	6 24	2 22		1	Sirius sets 10.30
Palm Sunday			Matth. 21: 1-9. Phil. 2: 5-11.		Day's length:		Cleveland 12h. 52m. Philadelphia 12h. 50m.			
S.	10	Fulbert	5 34	6 26	5 35	6 25	2 52		1	
M.	11	Leo the Great	5 33	6 27	5 34	6 26	3 21		1	♀ stands still.
T.	12	Sabas	5 32	6 28	5 33	6 27	3 50		1	
W.	13	Justinus	5 31	6 29	5 32	6 28	4 22		0	
T.	14	MAUNDY THURSD.	5 30	6 30	5 31	6 29	rises		0	Full Moon 6.25 M.
F.	15	GOOD FRIDAY	5 29	6 31	5 30	6 30	8 30		0	
S.	16	Calixtus	5 28	6 32	5 29	6 31	9 46		0	♂ sets 7.10
Easter Sunday			Mark 16: 1-8. 1 Cor. 5: 6-8.		Day's length:		Cleveland 13h. 6m. Philadelphia 13h. 4m.			
S.	17	EASTER	5 27	6 33	5 28	6 32	10 45		59	
M.	18	Luther at Worms	5 26	6 34	5 27	6 33	11 44		59	Moon in ♊
T.	19	Melanchthon	5 25	6 35	5 26	6 34	morn		59	♂ in Perigee
W.	20	Bugenhagen	5 24	6 36	5 25	6 35	12 30		59	☉ enters ♋
T.	21	Anselm of Cant.	5 22	6 38	5 23	6 37	1 11		58	L. Quarter 4.13 M.
F.	22	Origenes	5 20	6 40	5 21	6 39	1 47		58	♂ ♀ ☉ ♂ ♀ ☉
S.	23	Adalbert	5 18	6 42	5 19	6 41	2 16		58	
Quasimodogeniti Sunday			John 20: 19-31. 1 John 5: 4-11.		Day's length:		Cleveland 13h. 28m. Philadelphia 13h. 26m.			
S.	24	Wilfried	5 16	6 44	5 15	6 45	2 44		58	♂ ♀ ♂
M.	25	Mark	5 15	6 45	5 14	6 46	3 8		58	
T.	26	Trudbert	5 14	6 46	5 13	6 47	3 36		58	♂ ♀ ♀
W.	27	Otto Catelin	5 12	6 48	5 13	6 47	4 10		57	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀
T.	28	Fr. Myconius	5 11	6 49	5 12	6 47	sets		57	New Moon 5.0 M.
F.	29	L. of Berquin	5 10	6 50	5 11	6 49	8 12		57	
S.	30	Geo. Calixt	5 8	6 52	5 10	6 50	9 12		57	Procyon sets 11.18

Conjectures of the Weather.

1-3, pleasant. 4, 5, showers. 6-8, pleasant. 9-11, cloudy. 12, 13, rain with thunder-storm. 14-16, pleasant. 17-19, clear. 20, 21, showers. 22-24, pleasant. 25, 26, thunder-showers. 27, cloudy. 28-30, pleasant and clear.

MATT. 27: 46. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47. Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48. And straightway one of



them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

separate community, in the year 1516, 365 years ago, and a year before Martin Luther commenced a similar work in Germany. The greatest, most talented, and most logical Theologian of that age, JOHN CALVIN, did much to strengthen its foundations, and to extend the influence of the Reformed Theology through all European lands. The founders of the Reformed Church in this land were families, who, equally with the Pilgrims of New England, fled from religious persecutions, to settle in these western wilds. They were a God-fearing people, and brought their Bibles and their Catechisms with them. Soon after the territory of Pennsylvania was granted to Wm. Penn, by the King of England, in 1681, members of the Reformed Church from the Palatinate and Switzerland commenced to settle in the new colony. As early as 1730 a report was made to the Synod of South Holland States, "Not long after the first settlement many of the oppressed inhabitants of Germany, and particularly out of the Palatinate, and the districts of Nassau, Waldeck, Witgenstein and Wetterau, emigrated to Pennsylvania with their wives and children." From this time on German emigration increased, so that in a single year more than thirty thousand left the Palatinate alone, to seek a Patmos in the New World. They settled at first near Philadelphia, but later mainly in the fertile valleys of Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland; thence along these same valleys into Virginia, North and South Carolina. From this little vine, thus planted by the fathers there has grown a powerful organization, with Colleges, Theological Seminaries, Female Seminaries, Orphans Homes, benevolent and literary Societies, with a roll of ministers now numbering nearly 800, and about 160,000 communicant members. Amid the varying

religious and theological influences to which this church has been subjected, both in Europe (Rationalism, Dead Orthodoxy, Fanatical Pietism) and in America, yet as a communion it has again returned, honestly, heartily and with clear consciousness, to the life, spirit and genius of its great confession of faith. On this account, I have, I think, an intelligent respect for this church and desire to remain a member of the same to the end of life.

FOURTH. The organization of the Reformed Church I believe to be Biblical, efficient and favorable to the rights of all. Each congregation manages its own affairs, elects its own officers (pastor, elders and deacons), so as to give free scope to the talents and gifts of all. The minister remains with the congregation as long as it is their will, and until he resigns. The elders and deacons are not elected for life, but for a specific term of years, as fixed by the congregation in its own constitution. The officers of each congregation form a Judicatory (called a Consistory) who oversee the congregation, and to whom any member may appeal when his rights are infringed upon. The denomination, as a whole, has a carefully prepared Constitution, which is the supreme law of the church as a visible community. The congregations within a specified district (one or more counties) form a Classis, and in the persons of their pastors and delegated elders have a meeting every year, to review the work of the pastors and congregations. The congregations within a larger district (one, or more states, or a part of a state) form a Synod, which meets annually, and is composed of an equal number of elders and pastors, to review the work of the Classes. The congregations in the whole United States convene triennially in a General

5th Month

MAY,

31 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago		Philadelphia		MOON		SUN FAST	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			SUN		SUN		Ri. & Se. SIGNS			
			RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	H. M.	H. M.		
			H. M. H. M.	H. M. H. M.	H. M. H. M.	H. M.		M.		
Miser. Domini Sunday			John 16: 12-16. 1 Peter 2: 21-25.				Day's length:		Cleveland 13h. 46m. Philadelphia 13h. 44m.	
S.	1	Phil. & James	5	76 53	5	86 52	9 56		57	Moon in ♊ ♂ ♀ ☉ inferior ☾ in Apogee F. Quarter 5.20 M.
M.	2	Athanasius the Great	5	66 54	5	76 53	10 47		57	
T.	3	Monica	5	56 55	5	66 54	11 28		57	
W.	4	Florian	5	36 57	5	56 55	11 59		57	
T.	5	Fred. the Wise	5	26 58	5	46 56	morn		57	
F.	6	Epishens	5	16 59	5	36 57	12 32		56	
S.	7	Otto I. Flavia Dom.	5	07 0	5	26 58	1 4		56	
Jubilate Sunday			John 16: 16-23. 1 Peter 2: 11-20.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 2m. Philadelphia 13h. 58m.	
S.	8	Stanislaus	4	59 7	1 5	16 59	1 32		56	Sirius sets 8.32 Orion sets 9.4 Full Moon 5.0 E.
M.	9	Gregor of Naz.	4	58 7	2 5	07 0	2 2		56	
T.	10	Victoria	4	57 7	3 4	59 7	1 2	32	56	
W.	11	John Arndt	4	56 7	4 4	59 7	1 3	4	56	
T.	12	Miletius	4	56 7	4 4	58 7	2 3	35	56	
F.	13	Servatius	4	55 7	5 4	57 7	3 rises		56	
S.	14	Pachomius	4	54 7	6 4	56 7	4 8	29	56	
Cantate Sunday			John 16: 5-13. James 1: 16-21.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 14m. Philadelphia 14h. 22m.	
S.	15	Moses	4	53 7	7 4	55 7	5 9	27	56	Moon in ♊ ☾ in Perigee L. Quarter 9.42 M. ☉ enters ♊
M.	16	Pranprinus	4	52 7	8 4	54 7	6 10	24	56	
T.	17	Joachim	4	51 7	9 4	54 7	6 11	14	56	
W.	18	80 Martyrs	4	50 7	10 4	53 7	7 11	49	56	
T.	19	Potentia	4	49 7	11 4	52 7	8 morn		56	
F.	20	Athanasius	4	48 7	12 4	51 7	9 12	42	56	
S.	21	Const. & Helena	4	48 7	12 4	50 7	10 12	52	56	
Rogate Sunday			John 16: 23-30. James 1: 22-27.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 26m. Philadelphia 14h. 22m.	
S.	22	Castus & Aemilius	4	47 7	13 4	49 7	11 1	19	56	♂ ♀ ☉ ♀ M. Star r. 2.59 ♂ ♀ ☉ h. 2. New Moon 6.11 E. Moon in ♊. ♂ ♀ ☉
M.	23	Ester	4	46 7	14 4	49 7	11 1	45	56	
T.	24	Cazalla	4	45 7	15 4	48 7	12 2	10	57	
W.	25	Urbanus	4	44 7	16 4	47 7	13 2	49	57	
T.	26	ASCENSION DAY	4	44 7	16 4	46 7	14 3	22	57	
F.	27	John Calvin	4	43 7	17 4	46 7	14 sets		57	
S.	28	Lanfranc	4	42 7	18 4	45 7	15 8	20	57	
Exaudi Sunday			John 15: 26-16; 4. 1 Peter 4: 8-11.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 38m. Philadelphia 14h. 32m.	
S.	29	William Penn	4	41 7	19 4	44 7	16 8	59	57	Spica south 8.54 ☐ ♄ ☉
M.	30	Jer. of Prag	4	40 7	20 4	44 7	16 9	39	57	
T.	31	J. Neander	4	40 7	20 4	43 7	17 10	11	57	

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, clear. 3, 4, showers. 5-7, clear and pleasant. 8, 9, warm. 10, 11, thunder-storm. 12, 13, rain. 14-16, pleasant. 17-19, cloudy. 20-22, pleasant. 23-24, thunder-showers. 25-28, clear. 29-31, showers.

MATT. 27: 57. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58. He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,



60. And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

Synod, for christian work and for review. This form of government has stood the test of experience, and is one, toward the essential principles of which all others (except the Roman Catholic) are year by year gravitating. For the Congregationalists have of late years introduced the Presbyterian feature of a General Council; the Methodists have introduced lay delegates: and even the Episcopal Church has adopted the Presbyterian Element of lay delegates in all its conventions. I love this tried form of church-government, and will therefore remain true to the Reformed Church.

FIFTH. Even THE NAME of this church, when candidly weighed and considered, will approve itself to an impartial mind. While the name of the great body founded by Jesus Christ, and his Spirit, and embracing the living branches of Christ in all confessions, may properly be called the "Christian Church", yet these different branches or confessions must each have some distinguishing title, else how can we speak of them so as to be understood. Is it proper to adopt the name of some distinguished man, and to apply this to the denomination? We think not. We believe the apostle Paul condemned it explicitly in 1 Cor. 1: 12, 13. We therefore think it unfortunate that several large bodies call themselves Lutherans. Or, is it proper to name the church after some peculiarity of rites, ceremonies or doctrines? We hardly think so. Why should some call themselves Baptists, because they have peculiar views of Baptism? Or, Unitarians, because they profess to lay stress on the

unity of God? Or, is it proper to name the church after something peculiar in its organization? We think not. Why then name ourselves Presbyterians, because we hold to the parity of ruling and teaching elders? Or Episcopalians, because we hold to the order of Bishops? Or, Congregationalists, because we hold to the independency of each congregation? Or, Methodists, because we lay down an exact method of conversion?

We reject all these names, and cling simply to the name "Reformed Church", because our fathers repudiated the corruptions of the Roman Church, and REFORMED THE CHURCH, according to the Word of God, and the examples of the early Christians. The term "Reformed" has no reference whatever to the modern, so-called, reforms, of every kind, but simply to the fundamental and thorough reformation made, when the accumulated corruptions of ages were abandoned, and the Scriptures were enthroned in their proper place, as the only rule of faith and life in the christian church. We love the name, therefore, and would not exchange it for any other. So long as this church remains "truly reformed", not in word only, but in deed also, so long will it be my duty and great privilege to remain faithful to it.

SIXTH. There is nothing in the present state and future prospects of the Reformed Church that should make me love her less, and induce me to seek another fold whererin to live and to work.

It has struck solid roots in this land, and has grown to be a goodly tree. It now numbers about 160,000 adult members;

6th Month

JUNE,

30 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago		Philadelphia		MOON		SUN FAST	ASPECTS OF PLANETS	
			SUN		SUN		SUN				
			RISES	SETS	RISES	SETTL	RI.	Se.			SIGNS
			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		M.		
W.	1	Fr. Oberlin	4	40 7 20	4	43 7 17	10	50		57	☾ in Apogee
T.	2	Pothin & Blandina	4	40 7 20	4	43 7 17	11	21		58	♀ rises 2.48
F.	3	Clothilde	4	39 7 21	4	42 7 18	11	58		58	
S.	4	Darius	4	39 7 21	4	42 7 18	morn		58	F. Quarter 9.55 E.	
Pentecost- Whit Sunday			John 14: 23-30. The Acts 2: 1-13.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 44m. Philadelphia 14h. 38m.		
S.	5	WHIT SUNDAY	4	38 7 22	4	41 7 19	12	18		58	♂ rises 1.32
M.	6	Robert	4	38 7 22	4	41 7 19	12	46		58	
T.	7	Lucretia	4	37 7 23	4	40 7 20	1	20		58	
W.	8	EMBĒR DAY	4	36 7 24	4	39 7 20	1	57		59	♀ brightest shine
T.	9	Columba	4	36 7 24	4	39 7 21	2	24		59	
F.	10	F. Barbarossa	4	35 7 25	4	39 7 21	2	59		59	
S.	11	Barnabas	4	35 7 25	4	39 7 21	3	39		59	Moon in ♍
Trinity Sunday			John 3: 1-15. Romans. 11: 33-36.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 50m. Philadelphia 14h. 42m.		
S.	12	Renata of Ferr.	4	35 7 25	4	39 7 21	rises		59	Full Moon 1.32 M.	
M.	13	Is. Le Febvre	4	35 7 25	4	38 7 22	9	1		0	☾ in Perigee
T.	14	Basil the Great	4	34 7 26	4	38 7 22	9	42		0	
W.	15	Bogatzky	4	34 7 26	4	38 7 22	10	17		0	Arctur. south 8.32
T.	16	Rich. Baxter	4	34 7 26	4	38 7 22	10	49		0	
F.	17	John Tauler	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	11	15		1	
S.	18	Pamphilus	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	11	42		1	L. Quarter 3.55 E.
1st Sunday after Trinity			Luke 16: 19-31. 1 John 4: 16-21.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 54m. Philadelphia 14h. 44m.		
S.	19	Paphnutius	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	morn		1	♂ ♀ ♀ g. f. east.	
M.	20	27 Martyrs in Prag.	4	33 7 27	4	37 7 23	12	10		1	☉ ent. ☾ long. Day
T.	21	M. Claudius	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	12	41		1	☾ ♂ ♀. ☾ ♂ ♀.
W.	22	Gottschalk	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	1	10		2	Summer begins
T.	23	Gottf. Arnold	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	1	43		2	
F.	24	John Baptist	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	2	24		2	
S.	25	Augsburg Con.	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	3	6		2	Moon in ♊.
2nd Sunday after Trinity			Luke 14: 16-24. 1 John 3: 13-18.				Day's length:		Cleveland 14h. 54m. Philadelphia 14h. 44m.		
S.	26	J. B. Andræ	4	33 7 27	4	38 7 22	sets		3	New Moon 8.39 M.	
M.	27	Seven Sleep	4	34 7 26	4	38 7 22	8	4		3	
T.	28	Irenæus	4	34 7 26	4	39 7 21	8	49		3	♂ ☾ ♀ in Apogee
W.	29	Peter & Paul	4	34 7 26	4	39 7 21	9	19		3	
T.	30	Raym. Lullus	4	34 7 26	4	39 7 21	9	49		3	

Conjectures of the Weather.

1-3, pleasant and clear. 4-6, warm. 7, thunder-shower. 8, 9, pleasant. 10, 11, rain. 12-14, pleasant. 15, 16, thunder-shower. 17, 18, clear. 19, shower. 20-22, changeable. 23, 24, pleasant. 25, 26, thunder-storm. 27, 28, cloudy. 29-30, pleasant.

MARK 4: 37. And there arose a great storm and wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on the pillow: and they awake him,



and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39. And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

100,000 baptized members; 98,000 children in Sunday Schools; nearly 800 ministers; about 6000 elders and deacons; 1383 congregations; 6 Synods; and 48 Classes. It has spread from the shores of the Atlantic, to where the Oregon rolls his waves. Its annual increase of members and ministers is as large, proportionally, as that of any denomination. It is well supplied with colleges, seminaries, papers and religious societies of every kind.

True, the Reformed Church cannot boast to the world, of outward pomp, splendor and wealth. But she has a wide field for christian work and effort, one too that yearly increases in breadth and length.

True, she does not fill the public eye with her temporary successes; but she aims at solid work that shall endure. And she has lately given an evidence of her conservative

character, by adjusting a long theological controversy to the satisfaction of all, without running with an actual division. Because her christian life was deeper and more powerful than the theories of individuals, she has been enabled to pass through the storm unharmed: and now with a purified atmosphere, and favoring winds, especially the breathings of the Holy Spirit of peace, she is ready to sail onward towards the fulfillment of her mission. Therefore I am, and hope to continue to be a member of the Reformed Church, while there is work for me to do in the cause of Christ.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. - Amen."

The Reformed Church in the United States.

The Reformed Church of Switzerland is the oldest child of the great Reformation of the sixteenth century. Entirely independent of Luther, and without any knowledge of his first efforts; *Ulrich Zwingli* commenced his labors, in 1516, in the canton Zurich, exposing the corruptions of the Papal Church, and bringing men back to a knowledge of the

Scriptural truth. A year later *Martin Luther* commenced a similar work in Germany. In the progress of events the larger portion of Germany became Lutheran; but outside of Germany, and partly in Germany also, the Protestants became known as the Reformed Church: and in all the different lands of Europe were substantially agreed as to doctrine, government, worship and discipline. In this way arose the "Reformed Church of Germany", the "Reformed Church of

7th Month

JULY,

31 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago			Philadelphia			MOON		SUN PART	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			SUN			SUN			Ri. & Se. SIGNS			
			RISES	SETS	H. M.	RISES	SETS	H. M.	H. M.		M.	
F.	1	Seidbert	4 34	7 26		4 39	7 21		10 21	☾	3	☉ in Apogee
S.	2	Cornelius	4 35	7 25		4 40	7 20		10 48	☾	4	♀ rises 1.49
3d Sunday after Trinity			Luke 15: 1-10. 1 Peter 5: 6-11.			Day's length :			Cleveland 14h. 50m. Philadelphia 14h. 40m.			
S.	3	Aeon Palearius	4 35	7 25		4 40	7 20		11 17	☾	4	
M.	4	Independ. U. S.	4 36	7 24		4 41	7 19		11 54	☾	4	F. Quarter 11.52m.
T.	5	J. Oldcastle	4 37	7 23		4 41	7 19		morn	☾	4	
W.	6	John Huss	4 37	7 23		4 42	7 18		12 29	☾	4	♂ ♀
T.	7	Willibald	4 38	7 22		4 42	7 18		12 59	☾	5	Wega south 11.22
F.	8	Kilian	4 38	7 22		4 43	7 17		1 40	☾	5	
S.	9	Eph. the Syr.	4 39	7 21		4 43	7 17		2 36	☾	5	Moon in ♍
4th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 6: 36-42. Romans 8: 18-32.			Day's length :			Cleveland 14h. 42m. Philadelphia 14h. 32m.			
S.	10	William of Orange	4 39	7 21		4 44	7 16		3 18	☾	5	☾ in Perigee
M.	11	Placidus	4 39	7 21		4 44	7 16		rises	☾	5	Full Moon 8.49 m.
T.	12	Henry II.	4 40	7 20		4 45	7 15		8 10	☾	5	♀ g. f. W.
W.	13	Margaret	4 40	7 20		4 45	7 15		8 44	☾	5	
T.	14	Ansver	4 41	7 19		4 46	7 14		9 14	☾	5	♂ rises 12.10
F.	15	Anna Askew	4 41	7 19		4 46	7 14		9 42	☾	6	
S.	16	Speratus	4 42	7 18		4 47	7 14		10 10	☾	6	♂ rises 12.10
5th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 5: 1-11. 1 Peter 3: 8-15.			Day's length :			Cleveland 14h. 34m. Philadelphia 14h. 26m.			
S.	17	Arnulf	4 43	7 17		4 47	7 13		10 38	☾	6	
M.	18	Bonaventura	4 44	7 16		4 48	7 12		11 7	☾	6	L. Quarter 12.9 m.
T.	19	L. Henrietta	4 44	7 16		4 48	7 12		11 40	☾	6	♂ ♀. Dog days
W.	20	Elias	4 45	7 15		4 49	7 11		morn	☾	6	♂ ♀ ♄. [begin
T.	21	Ebrard	4 46	7 14		4 50	7 10		12 19	☾	6	♂ ♀
F.	22	Mary Magd.	4 47	7 13		4 51	7 9		1 1	☾	6	☉ ent. ☿
S.	23	G. of Hamelle	4 48	7 12		4 52	7 8		1 43	☾	6	Moon in ♊
6th Sunday after Trinity			Matth. 5: 20-26. Romans 6: 3-11.			Day's length :			Cleveland 14h. 24m. Philadelphia 14h. 14m.			
S.	24	Tho. of Kempen	4 48	7 12		4 53	7 7		2 40	☾	6	♂ rises 11.34
M.	25	St. James	4 49	7 11		4 54	7 6		3 38	☾	6	☾ in Apogee
T.	26	Anne	4 50	7 10		4 55	7 5		sets	☾	6	New Moon 12.0 m.
W.	27	Raym. Palmar.	4 51	7 9		4 55	7 5		7 50	☾	6	☿ stands still
T.	28	John Seb. Bach	4 52	7 8		4 56	7 4		8 10	☾	6	
F.	29	Olaus	4 53	7 7		4 57	7 3		8 41	☾	6	
S.	30	John Wessel	4 54	7 6		4 58	7 2		9 8	☾	6	7* rises 11.34
7th Sunday after Trinity			Mark 8: 1-9. Romans 6: 19-23.			Day's length :			Cleveland 14h. 16m. Philadelphia 14h. 2m.			
S.	31	Casp. Stade	4 55	7 5		4 59	7 1		9 41	☾	6	Altine south 11.2

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, warm. 3, 4, warmest days. 5, thunder-storm. 6-8, pleasant. 9, 10, shower. 11-13, pleasant. 14-16, clear. 17-19, shower. 20, cloudy. 21-23, pleasant. 24, 25, thunder-shower. 26-28, clear. 29, 30, damp. 31, thunder-storm.

I. KING 17: 1. And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

3. Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.



4. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5. So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

Switzerland", the "Reformed Church of France", the "Reformed Church of Holland", the "Reformed Church of Scotland" (now called Presbyterian), the "Reformed Church of England and Ireland" (now called the Episcopal Church).

The Methodists, Baptists, etc., arose more than a century later.

The Reformed Church has thus an honorable history in Europe of over 300 years, and it has a history of over 120 years in America.

ITS HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES.

The territory of Pennsylvania was granted to William Penn by the King of England on the fourth of March, 1681. Soon after some members of the German Reformed Church, from the Palatinate and Switzerland, commenced to settle in the new colony. As early as 1684 there was formed an association of ten prominent men in Frankfort, called the "Frankfort Land Company", whose object was to send forth colonists. This they found easy to do, in consequence of the oppressed state of the people in religious matters. They purchased extensive tracts of land, namely: 5350 acres in one township, and 22,377 in another township of Berks County. The Synod of South Holland reported, in 1730: "Not long after the first settlement many of the oppressed inhabitants of Germany, with their wives, children and property, emigrated to Pennsylvania, especially

from the Palatinate and some districts of Nassau, Waldeck, Witgenstein and Wetterau. Among them are Mennonites, Lutherans and Reformed; but at this time (1736) the Reformed form more than half of the whole number, which is about 15,000."

The little vine planted by the fathers has grown and prospered until it is now a powerful organization, with colleges, seminaries, schools, benevolent societies, numbering 752 ministers, whose names appear in this Almanac, and about 160,000 communicant members.

ITS GROWTH.

Its growth in the United States has been very rapid of late years. This can be proven very satisfactorily by an appeal to the United States Census Reports. From this source we have compiled the following tables. The Reformed Church had, in the years stated, the following:

	In 1850.	In 1860.	In 1870.
Church edifices.....	341	676	1,145
Sittings (or seats).....	160,932	273,697	431,700
Val. church property..	\$993,780	\$2,422,670	\$5,775,215

Hence, in twenty years, the edifices have increased 840, or 235 per cent; the sittings have increased 270,786, or 168 per cent; and their value has increased \$4,781,435, or 481 per cent.

Comparing the Reformed Church now with the leading denominations, in this

8th Month

AUGUST,

31 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago				Philadelphia				MOON			SUN EAST	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			SUN		SETS		SUN		SETS		Ri. & Se. SIGNS				
			H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	SIGNS		
M.	1	Maccabees	4	56	7	4	5	07	0	10	11		6	♀ rises 1.41	
T.	2	Mar. und. Nero	4	57	7	3	5	16	59	10	47		6	F. Quarter 11.18 E.	
W.	3	William Thorp	4	58	7	2	5	26	58	11	21		6		
T.	4	Leonh. Kæser	4	58	7	2	5	36	57	morn			6	☐ ♀ ☉	
F.	5	Evg. Salzburger	4	59	7	1	5	46	56	12	1		6		
S.	6	Tr. of Christ	5	07	0	5	5	56	55	1	4		6	Moon in ♄	
8th Sunday after Trinity			Math. 7: 15-23. Romans 8: 12-17.				Day's length:				Cleveland 13h. 58m. Philadelphia 13h. 40m.				
S.	7	Nonna	5	16	59	5	6	6	54	2	12		6	☐ Septun ☉	
M.	8	Hormisdas	5	36	57	5	7	6	53	3	25		5	☾ in Perigee	
T.	9	Numidicus	5	46	56	5	8	6	52	rises			5	Full Moon 3.42 E.	
W.	10	Dest. of Jerusal.	5	56	55	5	9	6	51	7	12		5		
T.	11	Gregor of Utrecht	5	66	54	5	10	6	50	7	42		5	7* rises 10.50	
F.	12	Anselm of Havelberg	5	76	53	5	11	6	49	8	9		5	♂ in ♄	
S.	13	Zinzendorf	5	86	52	5	12	6	48	8	40		5	Orion rises 1.51	
9th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 16: 1-9. 1 Cor. 10: 6-13.				Day's length:				Cleveland 13h. 42m. Philadelphia 13h. 34m.				
S.	14	J. Guthrie	5	96	51	5	13	6	47	9	9		4		
M.	15	Mary	5	116	49	5	14	6	46	9	46		4	♂ ☽ ♀. ♂ ☽ ♀.	
T.	16	Rochus	5	126	48	5	15	6	45	10	21		4	L. Quarter 11.33 M.	
W.	17	John Gerhard	5	136	47	5	16	6	44	11	2		4	☐ ♀ ☉ ♂ ☽ ♂.	
T.	18	Hugo Grotius	5	146	46	5	17	6	43	morn			4		
F.	19	Sebaldus	5	166	44	5	19	6	41	12	10		3	♂ ☽ ♀	
S.	20	Bernhard	5	176	43	5	20	6	40	1	15		3	Moon in ♄	
10th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 19: 41-48. 1 Cor. 12: 1-11				Day's length:				Cleveland 13h. 24m. Philadelphia 13h. 18m.				
S.	21	Miss. of the Brethren	5	186	42	5	21	6	38	2	20		3		
M.	22	Symphorianus	5	196	41	5	22	6	37	3	26		3	☾ in Apogee	
T.	23	G. d. Coligny	5	206	40	5	23	6	36	4	28		2	☉ ent. ☽	
W.	24	Bartholomew	5	216	39	5	24	6	35	sets			2	New Moon 3.21 E.	
T.	25	Ludovicus	5	226	38	5	25	6	34	6	56		2	♂ ☽ ♀	
F.	26	Ulphilas	5	236	37	5	26	6	33	7	25		2	♀ g. H. L. S.	
S.	27	Jovinian	5	246	36	5	27	6	32	7	55		2		
11th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 18: 9-14. 1 Cor. 15: 1-10.				Day's length:				Cleveland 13h. 8m. Philadelphia 13h. 2m.				
S.	28	Augustine	5	266	34	5	29	6	31	8	30		1	Dog days end.	
M.	29	John B. beheaded	5	276	33	5	30	6	30	9	12		1		
T.	30	Claud. Turin.	5	286	32	5	31	6	29	10	2		1		
W.	31	Aidan	5	306	30	5	33	6	27	10	56		0	♂ ♀ ☉ superior	

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 3, pleasant and clear. 4-6, changeable. 7, 8, shower. 9-11, clear. 12, 13, shower. 14-16 mostly clear. 17, 18, pleasant. 19-21, changeable with showers, 22, clear. 23, 24, warm. 25, 26, thunder-showers. 27-29, pleasant. 30, 31, cloudy.

MATT. 6: 24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye



shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26. Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

respect, we have the following remarkable result:

	Increase per cent in twenty years.		
	In No. of edifices.	In sittings.	In value.
Reformed Church.....	235	168	481
Roman Catholic.....	211	199	559
Lutheran.....	125	81	412
Episcopal.....	80	54	221
Methodist.....	60	50	371
Dutch Reformed.....	40	25	152
Baptist.....	36	23	256
Presbyterian.....	18	6	229

It will be noticed that in the edifices the Reformed Church has increased most rapidly of all; in increase of sittings and value, the Reformed Church has been surpassed by the Roman Catholic alone.

ITS ORGANIZATION.

Its form of government is Presbyterian, *i. e.*, a succession of judicatories, each one of which is composed of ministers and elders.

1. The highest is the *General Synod*, which meets triennially.

2. Next: *District Synods*, of which there are six, namely: 1. The *Eastern Synod*, embracing Eastern Pennsylvania and adjacent states. 2. The *Ohio Synod*. 3. The *Synod of the North-west*. 4. The *Pittsburgh Synod*. 5. The *Potomac Synod*. 6. The *Eastern German Synod*. These synods were organized as follows:

The General Synod, at Pittsburgh, November 19th, 1863.

The Eastern Synod, at Philadelphia, September 29th, 1747.

The Ohio Synod, at New Philadelphia, June 14th, 1824.

The North-west Synod, at Fort Wayne, May 29th, 1867.

The Pittsburgh Synod, at Pittsburgh, February 12th, 1870.

The Potomac Synod, at Frederick, Maryland, April 18th, 1873.

The Eastern German Synod, at Philadelphia, January 12th, 1875.

3. The *Classes*. Of these there are now forty-eight, as follows:

Eastern Synod.

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| 1. East Pennsylvania. | 26. Minnesota. |
| 2. Lebanon. | 27. Sheboygan. |
| 3. Philadelphia. | 28. Nebraska. |
| 4. Goshenhoppen. | 29. Ursinus. |
| 5. Lancaster. | 30. St. Johns. |
| 6. East Susquehanna. | 31. Missouri. |
| 7. West Susquehanna. | |
| 8. Tohicken. | |
| 9. Lehigh. | |

Ohio Synod.

10. Miami.
11. Lancaster.
12. Tuscarawas.
13. Tiffin.
14. Iowa.
15. Eastern Ohio.
16. Northern Illinois.
17. Shelby.
18. St. Joseph.
19. Kansas.
20. Cincinnati.

Synod of the North-west.

21. Erie.
22. Heidelberg.
23. Indiana.
24. Zion.
25. Milwaukee.

Pittsburgh Synod.

32. Clarion.
33. St. Paul.
34. Allegheny.
35. Westmoreland.
36. Somerset.

Potomac Synod.

37. Zion.
38. Maryland.
39. North Carolina.
40. Virginia.
41. Mercersburg.
42. California.
43. Portland, Oregon.

Eastern German Synod.

44. German Philadelphia.
45. Maryland.
46. New York.
47. West New York.
48. West Pennsylvania.

9th Month

SEPTEMBER,

30 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago		Philadelphia		MOON		SUN SLOW	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS	Ri. & Se.	SIGNS		
			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.		M.	
T.	1	Hanna	5 32	6 28	5 34	6 26	11 40		0	F. Quarter 8.34 M.
F.	2	Mamas	5 33	6 27	5 35	6 25	morn		0	Moon in ♋
S.	3	Hildegard	5 35	6 25	5 36	6 24	12 44		59	
12th Sunday after Trinity			Mark 7: 31-37. 1 Cor. 3: 4-11		Day's length:		Cleveland 12h. 48m. Philadelphia 12h. 46m.			
S.	4	Ida	5 36	6 24	5 37	6 23	1 56		59	♂ ♀ ☉
M.	5	John Mollio	5 37	6 23	5 38	6 22	3 6		59	7* rises 2.38
T.	6	Math. Waibel	5 38	6 22	5 39	6 21	4 16		58	♂ in Perigee
W.	7	Lazar. Spengler	5 39	6 21	5 40	6 20	rises		58	Full Moon 11.5 E.
T.	8	Corbinian	5 40	6 20	5 41	6 19	6 24		58	
F.	9	Ludw. Paschali	5 41	6 19	5 42	6 18	6 54		57	
S.	10	Paul Speratus	5 42	6 18	5 44	6 16	7 26		57	♀ rises 2.12
13th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 10: 23-37. Gal. 3: 15-22		Day's length:		Cleveland 12h. 34m. Philadelphia 12h. 30m.			
S.	11	John Brentz	5 43	6 17	5 45	6 15	8 8		57	♂ ♀ ☉
M.	12	Dionys. Pelouquin	5 44	6 16	5 46	6 14	8 46		56	♂ ♀ ☉
T.	13	William Farel	5 45	6 15	5 47	6 13	9 30		56	♂ ♀ ☉
W.	14	Cyprian	5 47	6 13	5 48	6 12	10 5		56	☉ stands still
T.	15	Ricatus	5 48	6 12	5 50	6 10	10 50		55	L. Quarter 2.37 M.
F.	16	Euphemia	5 50	6 10	5 51	6 9	11 46		55	Moon in ♊ ♂ ♀ ☉
S.	17	Lambert	5 51	6 9	5 52	6 8	morn		55	
14th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 17: 11-19. Gal. 5: 15-24		Day's length:		Cleveland 12h. 14m. Philadelphia 12h. 12m.			
S.	18	Spangenberg	5 53	6 7	5 54	6 6	12 40		54	♂ in Apogee
M.	19	Paniarius	5 55	6 5	5 56	6 5	1 39		54	♂ ♀ ☉
T.	20	Thomas of St. Paul	5 56	6 4	5 57	6 3	2 39		53	☉ ♂ ☉
W.	21	EMBER DAY	5 58	6 2	5 59	6 1	3 41		53	☉ ent. ♀.
T.	22	Emmeran	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	4 44		53	Days' & Nights' length equal
F.	23	Mart. of Geneva	6 1	5 59	6 1	5 59	sets		52	New Moon 6.20 M.
S.	24	J. J. Moser	6 2	5 58	6 2	5 58	6 18		52	Autumn begins
15th Sunday after Trinity			Matth. 6: 24-34. Gal. 5: 25-5: 10		Day's length:		Cleveland 11h. 52m. Philadelphia 11h. 54m.			
S.	25	Augsb. Rel.-Peace	6 4	5 56	6 3	5 57	6 51		52	♂ ♀ ☉. ☉ rises 10.26
M.	26	Lioba	6 6	5 54	6 5	5 55	7 33		51	
T.	27	Philipp Graveron	6 7	5 53	6 7	5 53	8 18		51	Venus rises 2.50
W.	28	P. Flyst and A. Clar.	6 9	5 51	6 8	5 52	9 12		51	
T.	29	St. Michael	6 10	5 50	6 9	5 51	10 14		50	Moon in ♋
F.	30	Jerome	6 12	5 48	6 11	5 49	11 12		50	F. Quarter 4.24 E.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1-3, pleasant. 4, 5, cloudy. 6, thunder-storm. 7, 8, pleasant. 9, 10, shower. 11-13, pleasant, clear. 14-16, warm. 17, 18, shower. 19, 20, clear. 21-22, warm. 23, 24, rain. 25-27, clear and pleasant. 28-30, changeable.

JEREMIAH 33: 10. Thus said the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

11. The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.



12. Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down.

13. In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the Lord.

14. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

4. The *Consistories*, composed of the elders and deacons of each congregation. The number of such consistories is now 1383.

THE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH.

These are seminaries where young men, who have had the necessary college training, are educated for the ministry. The course is from two to three years; tuition generally free.

1. The Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., under the care of the three Eastern Synods. This is the oldest in the Church, and has educated over 400 ministers of the gospel. It has three professors. Apply to its President, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Lancaster, Pa.

2. The Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, chartered in 1831; has educated 180 ministers. The professors are Dr. J. H. Good and Dr. Herman Rust, either of whom, addressed at Tiffin, Ohio, will give any necessary information to students. Donations and legacies are solicited, and may be made in the name of the treasurer, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, Miamisburg, Ohio.

3. The Mission-House, in Wisconsin, which has sent out a large number of German ministers. It has three professors. All donations and applications may be sent to Rev. J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

4. Theological Department of Ursinus College, at Freeland, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. It now has three professors. All donations and applications may be sent to Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

COLLEGES.

1. Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa. The oldest of the Colleges. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, President.

2. Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, O. Has educated more than 3500 students. Dr. G. W. Williard, President.

3. Mercersburg College, at Mercersburg, Pa. Dr. E. E. Higbee, President.

4. Ursinus College, at Freeland, Montgomery Co., Pa. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, President.

5. Palatinate College, at Meyerstown, Pa. Dr. G. W. Aughinbaugh, President.

6. Catawba College, at Newton, N. C. Rev. J. C. Clapp, President.

7. Calvin Institute, at Cleveland, O; organized after the model of a German Gymnasium. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, President.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH. ENGLISH.

The Ref. Church Messenger, Philadelphia, Pa. Weekly, at \$2.20. Dr. P. S. Davis, editor-in-chief.

The Christian World, Dayton, O. Weekly, at \$2.00. Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, editor.

Missionary Sentinel, Anna, Union Co., Ill. Monthly, at 50 cts. Rev. S. P. Myers, editor.

Leaves of Light, Dayton, O. Bi-weekly, for S. Schools, at 50 cts. To Sunday Schools in packages at 30 cts.

Guardian, Philadelphia, Pa. Monthly, at \$1.00.

Reformed Quarterly Review, Philadelphia, Pa., at \$3.00. Dr. T. G. Apple, editor.

Child's Treasury, Philadelphia, Pa. Monthly and semi-monthly, at 40 and 75 cts.

GERMAN.

Reformirte Kirchenzeitung, Cleveland, O. Weekly, at \$2.00. Drs. H. J. Ruetenik and J. Kuelling, editors. Has over 5000 subscribers: the largest list of all papers in the Ref. Church.

10th Month

OCTOBER,

31 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago		Philadelphia		MOON	SUN SLOW	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			RISES	SETS	RISES	SETS			
			H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	Ri. & Se. signs	M.	
S.	1	Remigius	6 13	5 47	6 11	5 49	morn	50	Venus rises 3.19
16th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 7: 11-17. Eph. 3: 13-21.		Day's length:		Cleveland 11h. 32m. Philadelphia 11h. 37m.		
S.	2	Leodgar	6 14	5 46	6 11	5 48	12 30	49	♂ rises 10.13
M.	3	The two Ewalds	6 15	5 45	6 13	5 47	1 39	49	
T.	4	Franciscus	6 16	5 44	6 14	5 46	2 49	49	☾ in Perigee
W.	5	Peter Carnesechi	6 17	5 43	6 15	5 45	3 50	49	
T.	6	Henry Albert	6 18	5 42	6 17	5 44	4 52	48	
F.	7	Theodor Beza	6 19	5 41	6 18	5 42	rises	48	Full Moon 8.35 M.
S.	8	Rob. Grosshead	6 20	5 40	6 19	5 41	5 53	48	♂ rises 7.0
17th Sunday after Trinity			Luke 14: 1-11. Eph. 4: 1-16.		Day's length:		Cleveland 11h. 16m. Philadelphia 11h. 18m.		
S.	9	Dion. Areopag.	6 22	5 38	6 21	5 39	6 30	47	♂ ♀ ♀
M.	10	Justus Jonas	6 24	5 36	6 22	5 38	7 29	47	♂ ♀ ♀
T.	11	Ulrich Zwingli	6 25	5 35	6 23	5 37	8 14	47	
W.	12	H. Bullinger	6 26	5 34	6 24	5 36	9 12	47	
T.	13	Elisabeth Frey	6 27	5 33	6 25	5 35	10 14	46	♂ ♀ ♀
F.	14	Nic. Ridley	6 29	5 31	6 26	5 34	11 16	46	L. Quarter 9.2 E.
S.	15	Aurelia	6 31	5 29	6 27	5 33	morn	46	Moon in ☾
18th Sunday after Trinity			Matth. 22: 34-36. 1 Cor. 1: 4-9.		Day's length:		Cleveland 10h. 56m. Philadelphia 11h. 4m.		
S.	16	Gallus	6 32	5 28	6 28	5 32	12 18	46	☾ in Apogee
M.	17	Rev'n Ed. of N.	6 34	5 26	6 29	5 31	1 20	45	
T.	18	St. Luke	6 35	5 25	6 30	5 30	2 29	45	
W.	19	Christ. Schmidt	6 36	5 24	6 31	5 29	3 32	45	♂ g. H. L. S.
T.	20	Fr. Lambert of Av.	6 38	5 22	6 32	5 28	4 34	45	♂ ♀ ♀.
F.	21	Hilarion	6 39	5 21	6 33	5 27	5 40	45	☉ ent. in ☾
S.	22	Hedwig	6 40	5 20	6 34	5 26	sets	44	New Moon 9.7 E.
19th Sunday after Trinity			Matth. 9: 1-9. Eph. 4: 22-38.		Day's length:		Cleveland 10h. 38m. Philadelphia 10h. 48m.		
S.	23	Henry Martyn	6 41	5 19	6 36	5 24	5 46	44	7* south 1.51
M.	24	Michael Schlatter	6 42	5 18	6 38	5 22	6 40	44	♂ ♀ ♀.
T.	25	John Hess	6 43	5 17	6 39	5 21	7 42	44	Sirius rises 11.40
W.	26	Fr. III. of Pal.	6 44	5 16	6 40	5 20	8 39	44	
T.	27	Fruementius	6 45	5 15	6 41	5 19	9 35	44	Venus rises 4.19
F.	28	Simon Jude	6 46	5 14	6 42	5 18	10 32	44	Moon in ☾.
S.	29	Alf. the Great	6 47	5 13	6 44	5 16	11 29	44	F. Quarter 11.23 E.
20th Sunday after Trinity			Matth. 22: 1-14. Eph. 5: 15-21.		Day's length:		Cleveland 10h. 22m. Philadelphia 10h. 28m.		
S.	30	Jacob Sturm	6 49	5 11	6 46	5 14	morn	44	
M.	31	REFORMATION	6 50	5 10	6 48	5 12	12 24	44	☾ in Apogee

Conjectures of the Weather.

1-3, cloudy. 4-5, pleasant. 6, 7, rain. 8-10, clear. 11-13, cloudy and cold. 14, 15, rain. 16, 17, clear. 18-20, mild. 21, 22, cloudy. 23, rain. 24-26, mostly clear. 27-29, changeable. 30 31, clear.

JOHN 9: 1. And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3. Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.



6. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7. And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

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The object of those societies is to collect funds, to aid new and feeble churches for a year or more, until they become strong enough to support ministers themselves, and afterwards to aid in assisting others.

1. The *Eastern Board*, representing the three Eastern Synods (U. States—Potomac—Pittsburgh). Treasurer, W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa. Dr. Theo. Apple, Superintendent.

2. The *German Board* (Synod of the Northwest). Treasurer, Rev. D. Zimmermann, Ashland, O.

3. The *Ohio Board*. Treasurer Rev. J. J. Leberman, Louisville, O.

4. *Board of Foreign Mission*. Treasurer Rudolf F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa. This Board has lately established a mission in Japan. Rev. A. D. Gring was sent out during the summer of 1879.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETIES.

The object of these societies is to seek out, encourage, and educate young men for the ministry. It usually takes a course of from

four to six years or more, to fit them properly for their great work. These societies have been doing a most excellent work, and deserve liberal contributions. We estimate that they have aided at least 500 men for the ministry in the past years, and that the 752 ministers now on our roll would not number more than half that number, if these societies had not been organized. *Every congregation in the Church should insist upon having the privilege of making an annual contribution to one of these societies.*

1. The Board of the Eastern Synods. Address Dr. S. R. Fisher, Philadelphia, Pa.

2. The Board of the Ohio Synod. Address Dr. L. H. Kefauvre, Tiffin, O.

3. The German Mission House. Address Rev. J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis.

4. The Ursinus Union. Address Dr. F. W. Kremer, Lebanon, Pa.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

1. Bethany Orphans' Home. Address Rev. D. B. Albright, Womelsdorf, Pa.

2. St. Paul's Orphans' Home. Address Rev. A. S. Stauffer, Butler, Pa.

3. Relief of Ministers and their Widows. Address Dr. Theo. Apple, Lancaster, Pa.

4. Ohio Board of Church Erection. Address Dr. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, O.























5. German Board of Church Erection. Address Rev. M. G. I. Stern, Indianapolis, Ind.

6. German Mutual Aid Society. Has about 800 members. Every member pays yearly from \$1.00—\$2.50, according to age. For circulars, explanation of details, apply to E. C. Klopp, Galion, O.

11th Month

NOVEMBER,

30 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago				Philadelphia				MOON		SUN SLOW	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			SUN				SUN				Ri. & Se. SIGNS			
			RISES	SETS	H.	M.	RISES	SETS	H.	M.	H.	M.		
T.	1	All Saints	6 51	5 9	6 49	5 11	1 39		44	Venus rises 4.32				
W.	2	Victorinus	6 52	5 8	6 51	5 9	2 49		44	♂ ♀ ☉				
T.	3	Primin.	6 53	5 7	6 52	5 8	3 59		44					
F.	4	J. A. Bengel	6 54	5 6	6 53	5 7	5 20		44	Full Moon 8.38 E.				
S.	5	Hans Egede 	6 55	5 5	6 54	5 6	rises		44	♂ ☽ ♀				
21st Sunday after Trinity			John 4: 47-54. Eph. 6: 10-17.				Day's length:		Cleveland 10h. 6m. Philadelphia 10h. 10m.					
S.	6	Gustavus Adolfs	6 57	5 3	6 55	5 5	5 20		44	♂ ☽ ♀.				
M.	7	Willibrord	6 58	5 2	6 56	5 4	6 8		44	♂ Neptune ☉				
T.	8	Willihead	6 59	5 1	6 57	5 3	7 10		44	Moon in ☿				
W.	9	J. of Staupitz	7 05	0	6 58	5 2	8 9		44					
T.	10	Martin Luther	7 14	59	6 59	5 1	9 7		44	♂ ☽ ♀				
F.	11	Martin Bishof	7 24	58	7 05	0	10 6		44	Fomal south 7.44				
S.	12	Livinus	7 34	57	7 14	59	11 5		44					
22nd Sunday after Trinity			Matth. 18: 23-35. Phil. 1: 3-11.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h 52m. Philadelphia 9h 56m.					
S.	13	Arcadius 	7 44	56	7 24	58	morn		45	L. Quarter 4.37 E.				
M.	14	Peter M. Verm.	7 54	55	7 34	57	12 3		45	☾ in Apog. ♂ ♀ ☉				
T.	15	John Keppler	7 64	54	7 44	56	1 4		45					
W.	16	Jasper Cruciger	7 74	53	7 54	55	2 16		45					
T.	17	Bernhard	7 84	52	7 64	54	3 11		45	♂ stands still.				
F.	18	Gregory Ill.	7 94	51	7 74	53	4 10		45					
S.	19	Elizabeth	7 104	50	7 84	52	5 4		46	♂ ☽ ♀				
23d Sunday after Trinity			Matth. 22: 15-22. Phil. 3: 17-21.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h. 38m. Philadelphia 9h. 44m.					
S.	20	John Williams 	7 114	49	7 84	52	5 59		46	♂ ☽ ♀				
M.	21	Columbanus	7 124	48	7 94	51	sets		46	New Moon 10.57 M.				
T.	22	John Ecolampad.	7 124	48	7 104	50	5 53		46	Moon in ♄				
W.	23	Clement of Rom	7 134	47	7 114	49	6 55		46	☉ ent. ♄				
T.	24	John Knox	7 144	46	7 124	48	8 8		47					
F.	25	Catharine	7 154	45	7 134	47	9 25		47	♂ g. f. W.				
S.	26	Conrad	7 164	44	7 134	47	10 32		47	☾ in Perigee				
1st Sunday in Advent			Matth. 21: 1-9. Phil. 13: 11-14.				Day's length:		Cleveland 9h. 28m. Philadelphia 9h. 32m.					
S.	27	Marg. Blaarer	7 164	44	7 144	46	11 40		48					
M.	28	Alex. Roussel 	7 174	43	7 154	45	morn		48	F. Quarter 5.37 M.				
T.	29	Saturinus	7 184	42	7 164	44	12 41		48					
W.	30	St. Andrew	7 194	41	7 174	43	1 42		49	Altine sets 9.50				

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, clear and pleasant. 3, 4, rain and snow. 5, 6, changeable. 7, -9, rainy. 10-12, clear and cold. 13-15, mild. 16-18, clear. 19, 20, changeable. 21, 22, rain and snow. 23-25, clear. 26, 27, changeable. 28-30, clear and fair.

JEREMIAH 13: 23. Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

ROMANS 3: 23. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;



24. Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

The Reformed Church in the United States of North America.

Statistics for the year 1879.

Synods.		No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Communicants.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Contributions.
1. The Synod of the United States,	9 Classes.....	206	433	65,607	38,036	\$19,824
2. The Synod of Ohio,	11 ".....	145	294	20,954	17,744	9,089
3. The Synod of the North-west,	11 ".....	158	240	21,509	14,037	17,342
4. The Synod of Pittsburg,	5 ".....	56	116	10,808	6,586	5,180
5. The Synod of the Potomac,	7 ".....	128	263	26,681	16,776	11,470
6. The German Synod of the East,	5 ".....	42	38	9,183	5,709	3,332
Total, 6 Synods, 48 Classes.		735	1384	154,742	98,888	\$66,237

During the year 1879-80, three new Classes were organized, namely the PORTLAND-OREGON CLASSIS, in Oregon and in connection with the Potomac Synod, the LEHIGH CLASSIS, by a division of the Classis of East Pennsylvania, and the MISSOURI CLASSIS in the Synod of the North-West.

The Peace Movement.

For more than 25 years there had been a sharp controversy in the Reformed Church with regard to the so-called "Mercersburg doctrines", which at times threatened to cause a division of the church. At the General Synod of 1878 it was resolved, believing that the course of events had made the church ripe for a reconciliation, to appoint peace commissioners from the different Synods. These met and agreed upon the following report which is worthy of careful study and preservation. It will be finally acted upon at the General Synod, which meets in Tiffin, O., on the 18th of May 1881. There seemed to be no doubt but that the reconciliation will be fully effected, and that the Reformed Church will now enter upon a

period of peace and prosperity. It was an eminently Christian course of procedure, and reflects honor upon the Reformed Church. Twice before, in her history of 120 years in America, was the Reformed Church troubled by controversies, in both cases the result being a secession and the formation of a new denomination. The first was in the year 1800, when Rev. William Otterbein of Baltimore, of the Reformed Church, affiliated with the Methodists, and some Lutherans and Mennonites, out of which grew the organization of "The United Brethren in Christ", the first General Conference being held in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., in 1815. Mr. Otterbein however never severed his connection with the Reformed Church to the day of his death. — The second was in 1830, when Rev. John Winebrenner, of Harrisburg,

12th Month

DECEMBER,

31 Days.

WEEK-DAYS	DATE	REMARKABLE DAYS	Cleveland and Chicago			Philadelphia			MOON		SUN SLOW	ASPECTS OF PLANETS
			RISES	SETS	H. M.	RISES	SETS	H. M.	Ri. & So.	SIGNS		
T.	1	Eligius	7 19 4	41		7 17 4	43		2 49		49	♀ rises 5.42
F.	2	J. Ruysbrock	7 20 4	40		7 17 4	43		3 59		50	♂ ♃ ♃
S.	3	Gerhard Groot	7 20 4	40		7 18 4	42		5 14		50	♂ ♃ ♃
2nd Sunday in Advent			Luke 21: 25-36. Romans 15: 4-13.			Day's length:			Cleveland 9h. 18m. Philadelphia 9h. 24m.			
S.	4	G. of Zuetphen	7 21 4	39		7 18 4	42		6 29		50	
M.	5	Nicholas	7 21 4	39		7 19 4	41		rises		51	Full Moon 11.49 M.
T.	6	Crispina	7 22 4	38		7 19 4	41		5 41		51	Moon in ♈.
W.	7	Philipp F. Hiller	7 22 4	38		7 20 4	40		6 46		52	♂ ♃ ♃
T.	8	Fr. Ad. Lampe	7 23 4	37		7 20 4	40		7 42		52	
F.	9	Ben. Schmolck	7 24 4	36		7 20 4	40		8 39		53	
S.	10	Paul Eber	7 24 4	36		7 21 4	39		9 37		53	☐ ♄ ☉
3d Sunday in Advent			Matth. 11: 2-10. 1 Cor. 4: 1-5.			Day's length:			Cleveland 9h. 10m. Philadelphia 9h. 16m.			
S.	11	Henry of Zuetphen	7 25 4	35		7 21 4	39		10 36		53	☾ in Apogee
M.	12	Vicelin	7 25 4	35		7 22 4	38		11 39		54	
T.	13	Berthold.	7 26 4	34		7 22 4	38		morn		54	L. Quarter 2.40 E.
W.	14	Dioscurus	7 26 4	34		7 22 4	38		12 43		55	
T.	15	Ignatius	7 26 4	34		7 23 4	37		1 40		55	♂ rises 6.38
F.	16	Adelheid	7 26 4	34		7 23 4	37		2 41		56	
S.	17	Sturm	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		3 40		56	Regul. south 11.27
4th Sunday in Advent			John 1: 19-28. Phil. 4: 4-7.			Day's length:			Cleveland 9h. 6m. Philadelphia 9h. 14m.			
S.	18	Seckendorf	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		4 39		57	♂ ♃ ♃ Moon in ♏
M.	19	Abraham	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		5 38		57	New Moon 11.43 E.
T.	20	Clemens of Alex.	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		sets		58	♂ ♃ ♃ ☉ ent. ☾
W.	21	EMBER DAY	7 28 4	32		7 24 4	36		5 32		58	Shortest day
T.	22	Hugo McKail	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		6 41		59	Winter begins
F.	23	Anna du Bourg	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		7 56		59	☾ in Perigee
S.	24	Christmas Eve	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		9 9		0	
Sunday before Christmas			Luke 2: 23-40. Gal. 4: 17.			Day's length:			Cleveland 9h. 6m. Philadelphia 9h. 14m.			
S.	25	CHRISTMAS	7 27 4	33		7 23 4	37		10 18		0	7* south 9.25
M.	26	Stephen	7 26 4	34		7 23 4	37		11 24		1	♂ ♃ ☉
T.	27	St. John Evang.	7 26 4	34		7 23 4	37		morn		1	F. Quarter 3.17 E.
W.	28	Holy Innocence	7 26 4	34		7 22 4	38		12 28		2	
T.	29	David	7 25 4	35		7 22 4	38		1 29		2	♂ ♃ ♃
F.	30	John	7 25 4	35		7 21 4	39		2 31		3	♂ ♃ ♃
S.	31	John Wycliffe	7 25 4	35		7 21 4	39		3 29		3	Sirius rises 6.57

Conjectures of the Weather.

1-3, changeable. 4, 5, cloudy. 6, clear. 6-9, cold. 10-12, pleasant and clear. 13-15, mild. 16, 17, cloudy. 18-20, changeable. 21, 22, snow. 23, 24, cloudy. 25-27, cold. 28, 29, cloudy with snow. 30, 31, clear and cold.

LUKE 19: 30. And Jesus answering, said: A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.



33. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34. And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Pa., seceded from the Reformed Church and organized the "Church of God", usually known as "The Winebrennerians". The following is the report of the Peace Commission.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BROTHERS IN THE LORD: The Commission authorized by the action of the General Synod of Lancaster, Pa., A. D. 1878, and constituted by the concurrent act of the six District Synods, in the spirit and interest of the original action, met and organized in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the twenty-sixth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, as directed:

The weighty matters entrusted to its solemn and prayerful deliberation by the Church, were considered during the period of eight days; and after having arrived at an unanimous result, under the manifest guidance of the Spirit of Truth, the Commission adjourned.

Your Commissioners, in now most respectfully reporting their action to your reverend body for adoption, venture to express the hope that a like unanimity may characterize its endorsement of the same, as a basis to a solid and durable peace.

In order to the restoration and maintenance of "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, as one body and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in all," (Eph., IV, 3-6,) "it seemed

good unto us, being assembled with one accord," (Acts, XV, 25,) in the light vouchsafed to us of God, to subscribe to the following:

I. DOCTRINE.

The Reformed Church in the United States unites in the confession of her adherence to the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, taking the same in its historical (or original) sense; and declares that any departure from the same is unauthorized by the Church; and renewedly directs all her ministers, editors and teachers of theology, "faithfully to preach and defend the same."

This action is not to be so construed as to forbid, or interfere with, that (degree of) freedom in Scriptural and theological investigation which has always been enjoyed in the Reformed Church.

In presenting the above as a basis for peace in the Church, we are not unmindful of the fact that more than this might be expected. We believe that the theological contest that has gone forward in our Church for over a quarter of a century, with earnestness and zeal, has resulted, now that it has substantially come to a close as we hope, in bringing the Church to a deeper apprehension of the truth. It would seem proper therefore, that an attempt should be made to summarize, in some general way, this result. We, therefore, submit the following, as embodying certain points on which this Commission is able to harmonize, and thus contribute towards a substantial agreement

throughout the whole Church, in the peace period upon which we are now entering:

I. We recognize in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for fallen man, the foundation and source of our whole salvation.

II. We hold that the Christian life is begotten in us by the Word of God, which is ever living, and carries in itself the power to quicken faith and love in the heart, through the Holy Ghost.

III. We do not regard the visible church as commensurate and identical with the invisible church, according to the Roman theory, nor do we think that in this world the invisible church can be separated from the visible, according to the theory of Pietism and false Spiritualism; but while we do not identify them, we do not, in our views, separate them.

IV. We hold that in the use of the holy sacraments the grace signified by the outward signs is imparted to those who truly believe, but that those who come to these holy sacraments without faith, receive only the outward elements unto condemnation.

V. We have come to a clearer apprehension of the fact that the Christian life is something broader and deeper than its manifestations in conscious experience.

VI. We hold the doctrine of justification through true faith in Jesus Christ, according to which only the satisfaction, holiness and righteousness of Christ is our righteousness before God, and that we cannot receive and apply the same to ourselves in any other way than by faith only.

VII. We hold the doctrine of the ministerial office, according to which the ministers of the Church are not lords of faith, but servants, messengers, heralds, watchmen of Christ, co-workers with God, preachers of the Word, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

VIII. We hold the doctrine of the universal priesthood of believers over against all Romanizing tendencies to priestly power, while we also assert the proper recognition of the ministerial office in the Church of Christ.

IV. We affirm our confidence in the truth of Protestantism over against the errors of Rome, on the one hand, and against the

errors of rationalism and infidelity on the other.

X. All philosophical and theological speculations (in the Church) should be held in humble submission to the Word of God, which, with its heavenly light, should illumine and guide the operations and researches of reason.

II. CULTUS.

With reference to Cultus we recommend to the General Synod, at its next regular meeting, the inauguration of measures for the formation of a Committee properly representing the different Synods and the various Theological tendencies existing in the Church, whose duty it shall be to prepare an Order of Worship, containing such Offices as may be required for the services of the Church, the said Committee to report the result of its labors, as soon as their magnitude and importance will allow, to the General Synod, for approval and adoption, as required by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

And we recommend further, that, pending the adoption of such Order of Worship, the various Liturgies now in use in the Church be allowed in public worship, provided none of them be hereafter introduced into any congregation without the consent of a majority of its communicant members, nor when, (in the judgment of the Pastor and Consistory,) such introduction would be injurious to the best interests of the congregation; and that, until the Church shall adopt a new Hymn Book for the use of all its congregations, any of the Hymn Books now approved by one or more of the District Synods, may be used by any particular congregation in public worship.

III. GOVERNMENT.

With reference to Government we recommend:

1. That all the judicatories of the Church be requested, in the appointment of their Boards and Committees, to pay regard only to fitness for the position.

2. That the General Synod, as soon as it sees its way clear and the general peace and quietude of the Church sufficiently established, take the proper steps for a thorough

revision of its Constitution, rules and by-laws, in order,

(a.) To create a more perfect organic relation between the different judicatories of the Church completing themselves in their head, the General Synod.

(b.) To provide for a supervision by the General Synod over all the theological institutions of the Church, by the appointment of a duly authorized Committee or Board of Visitors, empowered at any time, when deemed necessary, to examine into the doctrine, cultus and management of said institutions, and to report to each session of the General Synod; said Board of Visitors, however, not to interfere with any arrangement or authority of the respective Districts Synods or their boards or committees.

(c.) To provide some mode by which all cases of appeal, involving only facts and individual disputes, shall be excluded from the General Synod, so that such only as relate to controversies on doctrine, cultus and constitutional construction may be brought for a final hearing before that body.

And we recommend further, that the General Synod be requested to direct the attention of the Church at large to the importance of an undivided effort for her extension, and to engage diligently and zealously in the work of Missions, looking for-

ward to a more concentrated and co-operative action in that direction in the future.

In testimony whereof we, the Commissioners, representing the different Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, hereunto subscribe our names, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, this third day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Ministers: Thomas G. Apple, Clement Z. Weiser, Franklin W. Kremer. Elders: Daniel W. Gross, William H. Seibert, Rudolph F. Kelker.

SYNOD OF OHIO.

Ministers: Jeremiah H. Good, Lewis H. Kefauver. Elders: Benjamin Kuhns, Andrew H. Baughman.

SYNOD OF THE NORTH-WEST.

Ministers: H. J. Ruetenik, Peter Greding. Elders: Henry Tons, Frederick W. Scheele.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

Ministers: John M. Titzel, Joseph A. Apple. Elder: Christian M. Boush.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Ministers: Samuel N. Callender, G. William Welker. Elders: Lewis H. Steimer, Henry Wirt.

GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

Minister: John Kuelling. Elder: William D. Gross.

Our Foreign Missionary Work.

For many years the Reformed Church passed its contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions through the AMERICAN BOARD, and they went mainly to the support of Dr. BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER (a minister of the Reformed Church) who labored for many years in Syria, and who died about two years ago in Boston. — Some of the churches have contributed through a German Missionary Society, located in New York, by whom the Reformed minister, OSCAR LOHR was sent out to and still labors with great success in Bismarck, East Indies. — In the year 1879 a mission was undertaken among the Indians in Wisconsin, and the missionary, J. HAUSER from the Mission House in Wisconsin, is now laboring among them with very encouraging success. — The Reformed Church has now also undertaken an important mission in Japan. In the summer of 1858 Rev.

A. D. Gring was ordained and sent out to that distant land, passing with his wife overland to San Francisco and arriving safely at Yokohama in Japan. This is an exceedingly promising missionary field. It is only eight years since the first Protestant church was organized in Japan, and there are now over 2500 Japanese communicants in the Mission-churches. It will be interesting to remember, in this connection, that other Churches are also at work in this promising field, as follows:

- 1.) The Reformed Church in America has, 7.
- 2.) The American Presbyterian Church, 7.
- 3.) Baptists in the United States, 2.
- 4.) The American Board, C. F. M., 7.
- 5.) Church Missionary Society of England, 2.
- 6.) American Episcopal Church, 6.
- 7.) Women's Missionary Society of America, 7.
- 8.) Methodist Episcopal Church of America, 5.
- 9.) Wesleyan Methodists of Canada, 2.
- 10.) Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 2.
- 11.) The Greek Church has several.
- 12.) The Jesuits have 15.

The following extracts from a letter from Mr. Gring are of such permanent interest and value as descriptive of the Mission House which the Board has purchased, that we give them here, so that they can readily be referred to.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, 45 BLUFF, Mar. 3, 1880.

To the Members of the Executive Committee:

DEAR BRETHREN: — I am now prepared to lay before you a subject which I hope will meet your unanimous approval. I have taken pains to gather all the important facts, and will now state them as clearly as I can.

The foreign concession in Tokio (Tsukiji) agreed upon in 1870 is comparatively small, and is now pretty well occupied. The last sale of lots was on the 15th of January last, at which time all the desirable lots were sold.

There are now living in Tsukiji missionaries of the American and Scotch Presbyterian churches; also, Dutch Reformed, Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, and Albright. There are also several boy and girl schools there. The whole of the Methodist property was burned in the late fire, — church, house, and female seminary, — because of being built so near to Japanese houses. There are also the Canadian Methodists there; and now if the (German) Reformed Church were represented there yet, I think the place would be complete; and there is a place reserved for her, providentially, I believe.

You remember that in my first letter on building I mentioned a house which the owner held at six thousand dollars. A few weeks ago I learned from a friend in Tokio, that this property had recently been offered for four thousand two hundred dollars, as the owner is very anxious to sell and leave for America.

The following is a description of the house: It is built on a corner lot, which is sufficiently large to allow the erection of another building, which will be just what is needed when you send another man. It is built of a strong framework, with brick walls plastered on the outside, which is regarded as a very good wall for this country. It is in the form of a cross, which some think the most secure against earthquakes, which are severe and frequent. It has two rooms up-stairs and five down-stairs, ordinary size, is in good order, needs very little repair, makes a fair appearance, and is almost as good as new, having been built by Dr. Donitz, who was called elsewhere, and means to leave the country soon. He built it for himself, and spared no money. It cost him seven thousand dollars, I am told. The principal cost is in the security of the walls, which is the main thing in a house here. It is a healthy, pleasant house, and is now rented by the Methodists at seventy-

five dollars per month. It will make a fine church-property, and is very reasonable. It is insured at three thousand five hundred dollars, at two and one half per cent. The insurance was a month ago paid for the year, which will now be good until next February. The ground-rent, one hundred and twenty dollars a year, as in all houses, is paid up to next August. These, of course, are given in, and are quite an item. I have no hesitancy whatever in recommending the purchase of this house as the best thing to do under the circumstances.

1. It is now the only really desirable place in Tokio that is available.

2. The Reformed Church has a right to be and ought to be as well represented in Tokio as her sister churches, and should not have her mission-house in an obscure location.

3. It is to the advantage of the Church that we should now be on our field of labor.

4. My time for study and salary are at too high a rate to be spent in building, where such work is not absolutely necessary.

5. It requires a long time to secure ten applicants for lots, which number are necessary to secure a sale; and there will not likely be a sale again for one or two years.

6. The cost of my house-rent for a larger house, which is now necessary, should we stay in Yokohama, at least fifty dollars per month, and the cost of the contractor, and the extra expense which would follow my not being at Tokio to give my personal attention to it, and the risk, would be in all at the very least one thousand dollars above the cost of a new house and lot, which itself would not be less than four thousand dollars to render everything complete.

We should be very much encouraged in our work should you decide favorably. We do not feel altogether at home in Yokohama, because it is not our field of labor. I have no doubt at all, that if the others had not bought already they would take this in preference to building. I think it to be quite an opportunity for the Church. It will be a burden off your shoulders, and mine too, and encourage the Church; for she will then feel that she has a permanent and valuable interest here. We have come to Japan so late that we have but little time for building purposes. All should be given to the main work. I feel this most deeply; and anything that takes me from my study to be lost to the main end in view. If you can make arrangements to buy, we should be too happy to feel that the Church had made a good move.

You can not go wrong in buying, for it is a good property and will be an honor to the Church. The work is going on nicely, and we are gradually learning to speak. A severe earthquake occurred here a week or so ago,

about one o'clock in the morning. It was frightful; and we thought the last time had come for us. The old missionaries and some of the natives say it was the severest they have known.

There was scarcely a house on the bluff but what was affected more or less. It was a sorry sight when daylight to see the condition of the houses, with most of the chimneys off flat with the roof, and some gone through. Ours was demolished, and we were expecting every second to be crushed by the falling of the house. But God mercifully spared us; and there were many thankful hearts, I can assure you. May God guide you in your decision, is my prayer, for the best, for His kingdom here and at home. Good-by. Love to all. Yours, very respectfully.

AMBEROSE D. GRING.

Systematic Benevolence.

The Apostle Paul gives us good directions in I. Cor. xvi. 2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." From this we see:

1. That *giving is a religious act*, an act of worship. It belongs to the work of the Lord's-day — "Upon the first day of the week."

2. It is a *universal duty*, incumbent upon all, old and young, male and female — "Let every one of you lay by him in store."

3. He gives us a *good measure*, according to which we should regulate our giving — "As God hath prospered him."

4. Giving should be *voluntary*, free, and as far as possible independent of all appeals or agencies — "That there be no gatherings when I come."

Now let each one of us lay this to heart, and see how we can carry it out. We can adopt one of three systems:

1. *The Box System.* Have a suitable box kept in each family, for each member, into which gifts for the Lord and his cause are placed every Sunday, to be opened at stated times, and the contents given to the proper societies.

2. *The Envelope System.* Let every one, on Sunday, place his contribution in an envelope, stating for what cause it is contributed, and take it along to the church, to be deposited in the contribution-box.

3. *The Committee System.* Let every board of deacons get up a subscription list every New Year among all the members of the church, and gather these sums every month or quarter for the proper societies.

If this were done by all, there would be a constant stream of benevolence flowing into the treasury of the Lord.

The people should not wait until they are urged to benevolence by their ministers. Ministers are sometimes timid. Let the people *urge* the ministers, and the church-officers to be active, as was Paul, in making gatherings for the cause of Christ.

A Few Examples for Imitation.

1. Near Ada, in Hardin Co., O., lived a wealthy farmer, a member of the Reformed Church, named Alexander Krebs, with a family of grown children. The father was liberal to the church in his life-time, and since his death his widow has erected a fine church, entirely at her own expense, which she presented to the Reformed Church. What a *monument* will she thus rear to the memory of her excellent husband, and what a thank-offering to her Saviour!

2. Near New Lisbon, Columbiana Co., O., there died a year or two ago a maiden lady, named Sarah Brinker, who made a most judicious and liberal will. To the Ohio Board of Education, for the education of ministers she left \$1500, the interest of which will forever support one student at a time. Experience shows that there are many young men, who feel a call to devote themselves to the ministry, without the necessary means however; and these generally make the very best of ministers. In every century the *Sarah Brinker Fund* will prepare at least 20 ministers. Who can estimate the amount of good that will be accomplished by this fund?

3. John Carson, a member of the Reformed Church in Newberg, Pa., by his last will left about \$7000 to Ursinus College, and the same amount to Heidelberg College. The full amount will however not be realized, because his estate became involved in an insolvent Savings Bank of Shippensburg, in which he held some-stock.

4. Adam Wagner, a member of the Reformed Church of Berks County, Pa., willed \$1000 to Ursinus College, which has all been paid over, less the collateral state tax of 5 per cent. Had he given this sum while living, this state tax would have been saved.

5. John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., announces that a member of the Board of Trustees has made a donation of \$5000 to that Seminary.

6. Geo. Gelbach, of Philadelphia, Pa., has donated to missions \$702, a balance due him by the Synods for overpayments of the Board of Extension, of which he was Treasurer.

7. Frederick Palmer, of New York, convinced that the churches should be open freely to all, lately purchased a church on 34th street for \$75,000, and has promised to pay all the current expenses not covered by voluntary contributions.

8. Ex-Gov. E. D. Morgan, of New York has presented to the Presbyterian Union Theological Seminary of New York city the sum of \$100,000.

9. Miss Talman, of New York city, built an elegant Gothic church, costing \$130,000, and gave a free deed of it to an Episcopal Church.

Something Interesting about the States of the Union.

Maine was so called as early as 1623, from Maine, in France, of which Henrietta Maria, Queen of England, was at that time proprietor. Popular name — The Lumber or Pine Tree State.

New Hampshire was the name given to the territory conveyed by the Plymouth Company to Capt. John Mason, by patent, Nov. 7, 1629, with reference to the patentee, who was governor of Portsmouth, in Hampshire, England. Popular name—The Granite State.

Vermont was so called by the inhabitants in their Declaration of Independence, Jan. 16, 1777, from the French *verd mont*, the Green mountains. Popular name — The Green Mountain State.

Massachusetts was so called from Massachusetts Bay, and that from the Massachusetts tribe of Indians, in the neighborhood of Boston. The tribe is thought to have derived its name from the Blue Hills of Milton. "I have learnt," says Roger Williams, "that the Massachusetts were so called from the Blue Hills." Popular name—The Bay State.

Rhode Island was so called in 1664, in reference to the Island of Rhodes, in the Mediterranean. Popular name — Little Rhody.

Connecticut was so called from the Indian name of its principal river. Connecticut is a Mocheakannew word, signifying long river. Popular name — The Nutmeg or Freestone State.

New York was so called in 1664, in reference to the Duke of York and Albany, to whom this territory was granted by the King of England. Popular name — The Empire or Excelsior State.

New Jersey was so called in 1664, from the Island of Jersey, on the coast of France, the residence of the family of Sir George Carteret, to whom the territory was granted.

Pennsylvania was so called in 1681, after William Penn. Popular name — The Keystone State.

Delaware was so called in 1703, from Delaware Bay, on which it lies, and which received its name from Lord de la Ware, who died in this bay. Popular name — The Blue Hen or Diamond State.

Maryland was so called in honor of Henrietta Maria, Queen of Charles I., in his patent to Lord Baltimore, June 30, 1632.

Virginia was so called in 1584, after Elizabeth, the virgin, Queen of England. Popular name — The Old Dominion or Mother of Presidents.

Carolina was so called by the French in 1564, in honor of King Charles IX., of France. Popular name of South Carolina—The Palmetto State; of North Carolina—The Old North or Turpentine State.

Georgia was so called in 1732, in honor of King George II.

Alabama was so called in 1814, from its principal river, meaning Here we rest.

Mississippi was so called in 1800, from its western boundary. Mississippi is said to denote the whole river; *i. e.*, the river formed by the union of many. Popular name—The Bayon State.

Louisiana was so called in honor of Louis XIV., of France. Popular name—The Creole State.

Tennessee was so called in 1796, from its principal river. The word Tennessee is said to signify a carved spoon. Popular name—The Big Bend State.

Kentucky was so called in 1792, from its principal river. Popular name—The State of the Dark and Bloody Ground.

Illinois was so called in 1809, from its principal river. The word is said to signify The river of men. Popular name—The Sucker or Prairie State.

Indiana was so called in 1809, from the American Indians. Popular name—The Hoosier State.

Ohio was so called in 1802, from its southern boundary. Popular name—The Buckeye State. Meaning of Indian word Ohio, beautiful.

Missouri was so called in 1821, from its principal river. Indian name, meaning muddy water.

Michigan was so called in 1805, from the lake on its border. Indian name, meaning a wier for fish. Popular name—The Wolverine State.

Arkansas was so called in 1812, from its principal river. Indian name. Popular name—The Bear State.

Florida was so called by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1572, because it was discovered on Easter Sunday. Spanish, Pascua Florida.

Wisconsin was so called from its principal river. Indian name, meaning wild, rushing river.

Iowa was so called from its principal river. Indian name, meaning the sleepy ones. Popular name—Hawkeye State.

Minnesota is also an Indian word, meaning the whitish water.

California, a Spanish word, and named from an arm of the Pacific ocean. Popular name—The Golden State.

Texas, a Spanish word, applied to the republic. Popular name—The Lone Star State.

Kansas is an Indian name, meaning the smoky water.

West Virginia. So called after Virginia.

Nevada is a Spanish word, meaning white with snow.

On the Making of One's Will.

Every person ought, in due time, to make his last will and testament, so that his worldly affairs may be set in order, and his property go to those persons and interests to whom he desires them to go. The writing of a will, according to the laws now in force, is a very simple matter, and every one can attend to this duty for himself from time to time. The benevolent objects of the church and the cause of Christ should not be forgotten. We give below a good form of a will, and also forms that may be used in making bequests for benevolent causes.

NOTE.—An important law in respect to bequests for benevolent objects was passed by the Ohio legislature a few years ago, and is in force now in Ohio; and a similar law is in force in Pennsylvania. *The will must be made twelve months before the death of the testator, else the bequests to benevolence will be null and void.* Hence persons ought not to delay the making of their will.

FORM OF A WILL.

In the name of God, Amen, I ——— of ——— being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, do make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament, viz:

1. I give and bequeath to ——— the following property, etc.

2. I appoint ——— and ——— to be the executors of this my last will and testament, and do hereby revoke and annul all other wills made by me at any other time heretofore.

In witness whereof, I, the said ——— have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ——— day of ——— in the year ———

————— { Seal }

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the testator (or testatrix), in the presence of

each of us, as his last will and testament ; and we, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, and at his request, have signed our names as subscribing witnesses to such execution.

REQUESTS THAT MAY BE INSERTED IN THE ABOVE.

1. I give and bequeath to the Theological Seminary of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, of which Dr. Isaac H. Reiter is treasurer at present, the sum of — dollars, to be used for the general purposes of that organization.

2. Or to Heidelberg College, located at Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, of which N. L. Brewer, Esq., is treasurer at present.

3. Or to the Theological Seminary of the

North-West of the Reformed Church in the United States, located at Franklin, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

4. Or to Calvin Institute, located at Cleveland, O.

5. Or to Franklin and Marshall College (or Palatinate College, or Mercersburg College), located at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

6. Or to Ursinus College, located at Freeland, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

7. Or to the Board of Home Missions, or Board of Church Election, or Board of Publication, or Board of Education of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, of which Synod Dr. Jeremiah H. Good is treasurer at present.

If the sums thus bequeathed are to be used for any special purpose or in any special manner, it ought to be clearly stated in the bequests.

Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the United States.

PRESIDENTS.			VICE-PRESIDENTS.		
No.	NAME.	QUALIFIED.	No.	NAME.	QUALIFIED.
1	George Washington	April 30, 1789	1	John Adams.....	June 3, 1789
	" "	March 4, 1793		" "	Dec. 2, 1793
2	John Adams.....	" 4, 1797	2	Thomas Jefferson.....	March 4, 1797
3	Thomas Jefferson.....	" 4, 1801	3	Aaron Burr.....	" 4, 1801
	" "	" 4, 1805	4	George Clinton.....	" 4, 1805
4	James Madison.....	" 4, 1809		" "	" 4, 1809
	" "	" 4, 1813	5	Elbridge Gerry.....	" 4, 1813
				*John Gaillard.....	Nov. 25, 1814
5	James Monroe.....	" 4, 1817	6	Daniel D. Tompkins.....	March 4, 1817
	" "	" 5, 1821		" "	" 5, 1821
6	John Quincy Adams.....	" 4, 1825	7	John C. Calhoun.....	" 4, 1825
7	Andrew Jackson.....	" 4, 1829		" "	" 4, 1829
	" "	" 4, 1833	8	Martin Van Buren.....	" 4, 1833
8	Martin Van Buren.....	" 4, 1837	9	Richard M. Johnson.....	" 4, 1837
9	Wm. Henry Harrison.....	" 4, 1841	10	John Tyler.....	" 4, 1841
10	John Tyler.....	April 6, 1841		*Samuel L. Southard.....	April 6, 1841
				*Willie P. Magnum.....	May 31, 1842
11	James K. Polk.....	March 4, 1845	11	George M. Dallas.....	March 4, 1845
12	Zachary Taylor.....	" 5, 1849	12	Millard Fillmore.....	" 5, 1849
13	Millard Fillmore.....	July 10, 1850		*William R. King.....	July 11, 1850
14	Franklin Pierce.....	March 4, 1853	13	William R. King.....	March 4, 1853
				*David R. Atchison.....	April 18, 1853
				*Jesse D. Bright.....	Dec. 5, 1854
15	James Buchanan.....	March 4, 1857	14	John C. Breckenridge.....	March 4, 1857
16	Abraham Lincoln.....	" 4, 1861	15	Hannibal Hamlin.....	" 4, 1861
	" "	" 4, 1865	16	Andrew Johnson.....	" 4, 1865
17	Andrew Johnson.....	April 15, 1865		*Lafayette S. Foster.....	April 15, 1865
				*Benjamin F. Wade.....	March 2, 1867
18	Ulysses S. Grant.....	March 4, 1869	17	Schuyler Colfax.....	" 4, 1869
	" "	" 4, 1873	18	Henry Wilson.....	" 4, 1873
				*Thomas W. Ferry.....	Nov. 22, 1875
19	Rutherford B. Hayes.....	" 5, 1877	19	William A. Wheeler.....	March 5, 1877

* Acting Vice-President and President PRO TEM. of the Senate.

Comparative Summary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Being a Triennial Exhibit for the last sixteen years.

	1863	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878	1879
Synods	2	2	3	4	6	6	6
Classes	26	29	31	35	44	45	48
Ministers	447	485	526	586	631	710	735
Congregations	1,099	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,384
Members	98,775	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788	154,742
Members Unconfirmed.....	56,301	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,393	93,162
Baptisms, given year.....	11,739	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203	15,843
“ in 3 years.....	35,446	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943
Confirmed, given year.....	5,552	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456	10,368
“ in 3 years.....	17,616	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,733
Certificate, given year.....	1,360	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,637
“ in 3 years.....	4,406	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184
Communed	87,871	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	125,243
Dismissed, given year.....	552	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	1,968
“ in 3 years.....	1,671	2,975	4,159	4,762	5,000	5,185
Excom. or Erased, given year.....	119	196	144	318	387	174	228
“ in 3 years.....	428	500	528	722	920	1,711
Deaths, given year.....	4,679	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887	5,031
“ in 3 years.....	12,725	13,486	11,186	12,594	12,000	14,102
Sunday-schools	894	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,319
Sunday-school Scholars.....	22,404	34,000	49,000	63,038	75,868	89,982	98,888
Students for Ministry.....				75	123	157	149
Benev. Contributions, given year.....	\$ 29,528	\$ 60,977	\$ 74,453	\$ 86,650	\$ 79,680	\$ 61,727	\$ 66,237
“ in 3 years.....	100,000	202,718	228,818	247,387	253,766	207,417
Cong. Purposes, given year.....					310,000	531,929	599,398
“ in 3 years.....					700,000	1,305,905

Deaths of Ministers of the Reformed Church.

From August 1st 1879 to August 1st 1880.

Name.	Ordained.	Residence.	Time of Death.	Age.		
				Years.	Months.	Days.
Carl Lienkæmper	1854	Waukon, Allamakee Co., Iowa.	Nov. 14th, 1879...	57	3	2
Henry Hoffman.....	1845	Monroeville, Clarion Co., Pa...	Nov. 27th, 1879...	65	4	20
Jacob Sechler.....	1837	Hanover, York Co., Pa.....	May 10th, 1880...	74	1	23

Average Age of Ministers.

The number of Ministers called away last year, was only three, a much smaller number than for many years past. The Average age of these Ministers was very high, being 65 years, 7 months, and 5 days. As the number of Ministers on our roll was 733, we had only a ratio of one death to 244 of our Ministers. In the Presbyterian Church the number of deaths, for the same time, was 73, being a ration of one death to 82 Ministers. This higher average arose no doubt from the fact that the Presbyterian Church contains more old Ministers. The following is a list of deaths for the past 11 years, and will verify the fact that the Ministers of the Reformed Church are generally a long-lived class.

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	NO. DECEASED.		AVERAGE AGE.		
	In 1870	6	63 years,	0 months,	0 days.
" 1871	11	61	" 9	" 10	"
" 1872	7	56	" 7	" 0	"
" 1873	5	58	" 4	" 24	"
" 1874	9	64	" 8	" 2	"
" 1875	14	66	" 3	" 26	"
" 1876	13	52	" 4	" 27	"
" 1877	10	63	" 8	" 23	"
" 1878	5	66	" 6	" 28	"
" 1879	11	61	" 10	" 28	"
" 1880	3	65	" 7	" 7	"

In 11 years 94 61 years, 9 months, 24 days.

In 11 years no less than 94 of our Ministers have departed this life. From this we can see the necessity of having Institutions of learning, and of liberally supporting them, if we wish to enlarge the work of the Church.

The Principal Standing Armies of the World.

(Compiled from Gen. Upton's "Armies of Asia and Europe.")		PEACE FOOTING.	WAR FOOTING.
Austria		296,158	1,043,351
China		500,000	1,000,000
*England		228,624	
France		490,321	643,750
Germany		422,389	1,302,429
India		190,087	
Italy		204,255	410,856
Japan		34,768	40,378
Russia		514,571	836,764
*United States		25,000	

* The United States and England in case of war increase their armies to whatever strength is desired by volunteers.

Population of Principal Cities of the World.

FOREIGN—(LATEST CENSUS.)

London	3,251,800	Birmingham	318,700
Soochoo, China	2,000,000	Lyons	324,000
Paris	2,000,000	Dublin	295,000
Peking (1845)	1,648,000	Moselle	300,000
Jeddo, Japan	1,554,800	Lucknow, India	284,800
Canton	1,236,000	Madrid	233,000
Constantinople	1,075,000	Cairo, Egypt	355,000
Calcutta, India	447,600	Miaco, Japan	500,000
Changchou, China	1,000,000	Hydersbad, India	400,000
Bombay, India	644,000	Amsterdam	264,700
Hangchou, China	900,000	Brussels	314,700
Berlin (July 1878)	1,031,888	Warsaw	251,600
Fuhchou, China	600,000	Leeds, England	259,200
Rio Janeiro	420,000	Sheffield	239,000
Vienna	833,900	Mexico	250,000
St. Petersburg	667,000	Pesth, Hungary	200,500
Bangkok, Siam	500,000	Milan, Italy	262,000
Liverpool	493,000	Rome	244,500
Glasgow	479,200	Palermo	219,500
Madras	395,400	Turin	207,800
Naples	448,000	Lisbon	224,100
Ningpo	400,000	Edinburgh	201,700
Shanghai	276,600	Alexandria	219,000
Osaka, Japan	373,000	Amoy	250,000
Manchester	355,700	Patna, India	234,000
Moscow	399,300	Benares	200,000

Useful Family Hints.

REMEMBER to shake off and remove all dust from a black garment every time it is worn. Nothing sooner defaces a black silk, poplin or woollen than to wear it shopping, riding, or even for a day in the house, and then hang it up without removing the dust. The gritty notes, with which the air is filled, grind and wear out any fabric. First shake both the dress and overskirt faithfully; then take a soft old handkerchief and brush the dress with that instead of a clothe-brush.

See that all the dust that settles in folds and pleats is removed. Stand by an open window and shake the dust out of the window every little while.

Remember that mirrors should never be hung where the sun shines directly upon them. They soon look misty, and grow rough and granulated, and do not give back a correct picture. The amalgam or union of tin-foil with mercury, which is spread on glass to form a looking-glass, is ruined easily by the direct, continued exposure to the solar rays.

Remember that old newspapers will put the finishing touch to newly-cleaned silver, knives and forks, and tinware better than anything. Rub them well and make perfectly dry. They are also excellent to polish stoves that have not been blackened for a length of time.

Remember that one can have the hands in soap-suds with soft soap, without injury to the skin if the hands are dipped in vinegar or lemon-juice immediately after. The acid destroys the corrosive effects of the alkali, and makes the hands soft and white. Indian meal and vinegar or lemon-juice used on the hands, when roughened by cold or labor, will heal and soften them. Rub the hands in this, then wash off thoroughly and rub in glycerine. Those who suffer from chapped hands in winter will find this comforting.

Remember never to leave the clothes-line out week after week, and take them down and wind them on the reel as soon as the clothes are dry. With this care a clothes-line will last for years, but if left out, wind and rain will mildew and rot the line, and it will soon become worthless. Added to this, the clothes will be colored from the line, and dirty streaks, almost impossible to remove, will be seen where they rested upon it.

Remember that the wings of turkeys, geese and chickens should never be thrown away. Many people, especially in the country, keep them simply to brush off the stove or range, but there is nothing better to wash and clean the windows. Chamois or buckskin is very good, but wings are better and do not cost anything, and their use is an economy — utilizing that which would otherwise be thrown away. They are excellent to clean the stove or hearth, to dust the furniture, but best of all to wash windows, because the corners can be easily and perfectly cleaned with them, leaving no lint behind as when cloths are used. Use these wings also to put on paste when papering walls. There is nothing that does that kind of work better.

Remember that a tablespoonful of black pepper will prevent gray or buff linens from spotting if stirred into the first water in which they are washed. It will also prevent the colors running in washing black or colored cambrics or muslins, and the water

is not injured by it, but just as soft as before the pepper was put in.

Remember that if brooms are dipped for a minute or two in a kettle of boiling suds once a week they will last much longer. It makes them tough but pliable, and a carpet is not worn half so much by sweeping with a broom cared for in this manner. A good housekeeper will see that her brooms are all thus scalded.

TO MAKE BOOTS WATER-PROOF.—Four parts mutton tallow to one part resin — mutton tallow alone is excellent — put on the tallow after the boots are blackened with common blacking.

RELIEF FOR BURNING FEET.—To relieve burning feet, first discard tight boots; then take one pint of bran and one ounce of bi-carbonate of soda, put in a pail, and add one gallon of hot water; when cool enough, soak your feet in this mixture for 15 minutes. The relief is instantaneous. This must be repeated every night for a week, or perhaps more. The bran and bi-carbonate should be made fresh after a week's use. Bi-carbonate of soda can be purchased for about 10 cents a pound from wholesale druggists. The burning sensation is produced by the pores of the skin being closed, so that the feet do not perspire.

RED ANTS.—Having derived so much satisfaction from the use of a very simple remedy for ridding our pantry of those little pests, the red ants, I am tempted to send the same to your Household Column for the benefit of other sufferers. It is only necessary to cover the shelves where you wish to place meat, or other articles of food, with newspapers. The ants will not go over the printed matter. The newspaper may be covered with other paper if desired. We, and others who have tried it, have found it a sure and permanent relief.

TO PURIFY THE BLOOD.—Make a tea from red clover blossoms and drink of it, taking two or three swallows at a time five or six times a day.

TO CURE BUNIONS.—Bind a fine linen band tightly around the foot and over the bunion, sew it on if necessary, and wear it day and night; bathe the feet frequently in strong borax water, using a teaspoonful of pulverized borax to a basin of water.

EGG OINTMENT.—The oil obtained from the yolks of eggs is credited with wonderful healing properties in cases of cuts, bruises and the like by some of the Eastern nations. The eggs are first boiled hard, when the yolk is easily removed. Crushed and carefully stirred over a hot fire, the oil separates, when it is ready for use. The eggs of water fowls have the most oil, but that obtained from the eggs of the common and Guinea-hen is considered best, so says the *Druggist Circular*.

FIRE-PROOF PAINT.—Mix common hydraulic cement with oil and apply it to roofs and out-buildings. It is both water-proof and incombustible.

HOW TO COOK POTATOES.—It would seem a very simple matter to boil a potato, but there is a know-how even to this simple art. The true method is to pare them and let them lie in cold water an hour — 10 hours will not hurt them — before they are boiled. This takes out the strong earthy taste, and possibly the poisonous alkaline principle called *solanine*, which abounds in this esculent in its wild state, and from which the cultivated tubers are not entirely free. Another important point in boiling potatoes is to pour off the water in which they have been boiled just as the tubers become soft, and then gently shake the kettle over a slow fire. This drives off the moisture and makes the potatoes dry and mealy. A medium potato can be made a pretty good one by this mode of boiling, and a No. 1 potato can be rendered inferior by the common careless mode. Boiled by the improved plan potatoes need no mashing. They look good enough and are good enough without this additional labor, but if any prefer mashed potatoes with a nice brown crust on the surface, they are welcome to mash them with as much butter or cream as they can afford, and set the dish in the oven till the brown crust puts in an appearance. For a variety this answers very well.

Fried potatoes are not bad to take on a cold Winter's day. To be first-rate they need to be cut thin and fried brown, but not black, with pork fat or beef suet. Pork was never put to a better use than in frying potatoes. The too common mode of frying with lard gives them, as some one expressed

it to us, "the blasted smell of grease." Salt pork has none of this smell, and gives the potatoes just the seasoning they need.

Broiled potatoes are still better. For broiling the slices should be thicker than for frying, and they should be left on the grid-iron till they are "done brown." We have eaten potatoes that pretended to be broiled, but it was only a pretense. They were only luke-warmed. When taken from the grid-iron the slices need to be buttered, and if the latter is not pretty salt, to be salted. One great merit in broiled potatoes is to have them come fresh from the gridiron to the table.

Potatoes fried *a la Saratoga* are fashionable, but, like some other fashionable things, are no better than what the Westerners call "common doings." The Saratoga fashion, however, makes a good variety, and as the best of appetites palls on an unvaried diet for 365 days each year, it is worth while occasionally to cook potatoes in this mode. It consists simply in slicing raw potatoes very thin — a machine does this nicely — and frying them in hot lard like dough-nuts. They come out crisp, and those who have good teeth like to grind crisp things in their mouth. To a regular potato lover, however, there is not much potato taste in these crisp shavings.

After all, there is no better mode of cooking potatoes than by baking. Frying and boiling may make them more palatable, but on a delicate stomach they digest best when baked. The life of a baked potato, like that of a pear, is very short. Emerson says a pear lives in perfection only five minutes. A potato may be in perfection 10 minutes, but no longer. It needs to be taken from the oven as soon as done, and squeezed, as indicated above, and eaten without delay. Allowed to remain in the oven till overdone, or on the table till cool, the virtue goes out of them. Hotel-baked potatoes are almost always overdone, and are poor eating.

ANTIDOTE FOR LOSS OF HAIR.—Some one inquires for an antidote for loss of hair. I have found the following the best I have ever seen, viz.: Strong sage tea and borax mixed. Wet the hair and scalp and brush thoroughly. Add alcohol sufficient to keep from souring.

HOW TO MAKE A CHEAP WASH FOR OUTBUILDINGS AND FENCES.—In answer to the correspondent who asked about coloring lime wash, I will say in addition to the advice given that a good stone color may be gained with lampblack and raw umber for outbuildings and fences. I make first the whitewash. I put half a bushel of lime into a clean water-tight barrel and slack it with boiling hot water, stirring briskly until it is slaked; then I add a pound of salt and two pounds of sulphate of zinc to harden the wash and keep it from rubbing off. To this amount of wash for stone color I add two pounds of lampblack and four pounds of raw umber.

For cellars—which, by the way, ought to be thoroughly cleaned out now if not already done—I use the plain whitewash on walls and ceilings, for it tends to keep the place sweet and healthy. I use the same for the inside of chicken-houses.

When it comes to the ceilings of a house I lay whitewash aside as not quite nice enough and employ the prepared kalsomine instead. This can be bought at a trifling expense in any shade desired and whoever sells it will give directions for preparing and applying it.

For all rustic work that is exposed to the weather I give a coat of petroleum occasionally. This exerts a strong preservative power, converting soft perishable woods to the durability of red cedar. Farmers will find that an occasional wash of petroleum will greatly improve all farm implements, as rake and hoe handles, baskets, &c.

WASHING FLUID.—Half a pound of sal soda, quarter of a pound borax, dissolved in one gallon of hot soft water; let it settle; pour off in bottles; one gill of this mixture with a pint of soft soap, or half a bar of soap dissolved in hot water, is enough for a washing.

TO RENOVATE BLACK MERINO.—Rip the dress apart; then soak the goods in warm soap-suds two hours; dissolve one ounce of extract of logwood in a bowl of warm water, add sufficient warm water to cover the goods, which is to be taken from the suds without wringing; let the dress stand in the logwood water all night; in the morning rinse in several waters without wringing in the last water; add one pint of sweet milk; iron while damp; it will look like new.

TO REMOVE GREASE SPOTS WITH BUCKWHEAT.—Spread two pieces of coarse brown paper over the grease spot, with a large pinch of buckwheat between them. Then place a warm flat-iron over the paper, and let it remain until it cools.

KEROSENE-OIL STAINS IN A FLOOR OR CARPET.—Cover the spots of oil with Indian-meal, and when oil strikes through, remove and put on fresh, and repeat until the oil is entirely absorbed.

TO REMOVE UNPLEASANT ODORS.—Burnt coffee is the best disinfectant, and it is very agreeable. For water closets, night chairs, etc., chloride of lime, and even common lime, should be used. Or, sugar of lead, one ounce; aquafortis, one ounce; in nearly one quart of water. This is effectual to cleanse utensils from bad odors. Or charcoal powder, and camphor dissolved; the articles well rinsed with the composition.

TO GET RID OF ANTS.—Wet a sponge, wring it out tight, sprinkle it with sugar. When full of ants, dip the sponge in boiling water, repeat until they are all killed.

POISONS of any description which have been intentionally or accidentally swallowed, may be rendered almost instantly harmless by simply swallowing two gills of sweet oil. An individual with a very strong constitution should take nearly twice the quantity. The oil will neutralize every form of vegetable, animal or mineral poison.

DISHWASHING.—Use plenty of borax in the first water, also in the rinse water; use soap on only very greasy pots and pans; borax will cleanse the dishes, purify the skin, and at the same time make the hands soft and white.

SICK-ROOM COOKERY — SAVORY CUSTARD.—Take the yolks of two eggs, and the white of one, and put in a small basin; add one gill of beef-tea, and a quarter of a salt-spoonful of salt; whip up the eggs and the beef-tea; take a small cup, which will hold the mixture, and butter it; take a piece of white letter-paper and butter that, and tie it on the cup; have a sauce-pan, with hot water, and put it on the fire to boil; when the water is boiling put in the cup, so that the water stands below the top of the cup; let it simmer for a quarter of an hour; serve hot.

ASTHMATIC REMEDIES.—*Stech apfel* (thorn apple) leaves smoked in a common clay pipe and the smoke inhaled into the lungs will afford relief for asthma; the dry leaves can be procured of any German druggist. Mullen leaves dried and smoked and inhaled in the same manner are also excellent. Chewing the root of dogs bane' or wandering silk-weed is highly recommended for asthma. An inhalation of a mixture of tincture of myrrh and spirits of turpentine has proved beneficial in stubborn attacks of asthma. A raw onion eaten before retiring at night will exercise a very soothing effect, and calm any irritating state of the nerves, from which this complaint proceeds. Raw onions are also a specific for kidney complaints and stone in the bladder, but must be eaten liberally for some time before a cure is effected. A tea made from chestnut leaves which have been gathered in the Fall, and drank constantly in the place of water, will, with perseverance, effect a cure in time. It is a mild, pleasant, and harmless beverage, and can be sweetened with sugar and milk to suit the taste. It will take at least six months before a beneficial effect is felt. Two teaspoonsful of salt in a half glass of brandy mixed and drank rapidly will prevent and avert an attack of asthma.

NEURALGIA REMEDY.—Extract of gelsemin, (yellow jessamine,) 5 to 10 drops, in about a tablespoonful of water; three doses taken at intervals of an hour apart, not sooner, have relieved very severe attacks.

A REMEDY FOR CATARRH.—Dry and powder mullen leaves as fine as you would powder sage: then smoke as you would tobacco, letting the smoke escape through the nostrils instead of the mouth. This is one of the best of remedies for catarrh in the head. It has entirely cured a case of over 20 years' standing, when every other remedy heard of had failed to do so. It may require a little practice to let the smoke escape through the nostrils. Mullen will be stronger gathered before the frost injures it, but will answer even if dug from under the snow. It will also be found an excellent remedy for cold in the head.

PARASITES ON ROSE-BUSHES may be destroyed by sprinkling freely with rather weak tobacco-water.

MOH-PATCHES ON THE FACE.—Add about one teaspoonful of pulverized borax to a basin of water when washing the face morning and evening: or a more convenient way would be to keep a quantity already dissolved in a bottle of water, and pour it in the wash-basin as often as needed. Twice a day is quite often enough to use it, and the moth-patches should slowly disappear in about 10 days or two weeks.

TO TAKE OUT GREASE SPOTS.—A simple recipe to take out grease spots from any fabric is to make a paste of cold water and flour; put it upon the wrong side, and lay in the sun. If it does not take it out the first time, try it again.

TO MAKE JAPANESE CEMENT.—Mix the best powdered rice with a little cold water; then gradually add boiling water till a proper consistence is acquired, being careful to keep it well stirred all the time; lastly, it must be boiled for one minute in a clean saucepan. This paste is beautifully white, almost transparent, and well adapted for fancy paper work, or other things requiring a strong and colorless cement.

SUNBURN.—Cream is very good to allay the burning sensation suffered in sunburn, and to heal the skin. Any one of the preparations of witch hazel in the market is healing and cooling.

SUNSTROKE may be prevented by wearing wet leaves, wet paper, or moist cloths around the head during exposure to the sun. Frequently bathing the head is equally good as a preventive.

PICKLED CUCUMBERS.—Throw them into salt and water for a few days or a week, then take them out and rinse them; put them into a jar with vinegar; let them stand a few weeks, then turn your vinegar and pickles into a brass kettle, with some alum, and let them scald slowly; do not let them come to a proper boil: they will then be green; add onions, horseradish, mustard seed, and pepper as you choose. Oak leaves scattered among the pickles and covered over the top will prevent the necessity of ever scalding them.

JUMBLES.—One cup butter, two sugar, three eggs, four cups flour; mix soft; bake in round cakes.

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COFFEE CAKES. — One cup butter, one-half cup sugar, one cup molasses, one teaspoonful saleratus dissolved in a cup of strong coffee, one nutmeg, one teaspoonful cloves, one cinnamon, five cups of flour, and one cup of raisins chopped.

COLDS. — E. J. M. asks for the best and simplest remedy for colds. A cold would be more easily understood if it were not utterly misnamed. It is cold that produces the disease; the disease itself is a *fever*, and, while it is commonly produced by cold in some form, it may be produced quite independently of cold. The mischief that is done lies exclusively in the shutting up of the millions of pores, each one of which is a separate sewer through which a large share of the dead and poisonous waste matter in the body must be drained off. When the surface of the body is chilled these pores are instantly and automatically closed, and the result is a universal constipation. This great mass of waste matter is shut back, not only within the body, but upon its vital parts, for it begins immediately to be reabsorbed and put into the general circulation, and being as distinct a poison as any drug, the whole body begins at once to sicken. Anything, then, will cure a cold which will undo the mischief that has been done; that is, which will open the pores that have been thus suddenly closed. We know of nothing else so good in ordinary cases as to soak the patient's feet in four or five quarts of very hot water, just as hot as it can be borne, taking care to renew the supply as fast as it cools. When used promptly and with good judgment in the management of collateral conditions, this will rarely fail; if it seems to fail it is only necessary to extend the treatment; let the patient be thoroughly washed in a warm room with warm water and vigorously rubbed with coarse towels, and then put to bed under blankets so abundant as to insure the development of a free perspiration, care being taken to supply him with all the cold water he may desire to drink. The perspiration thus developed should be continued until he is conscious of a thorough sense of relief; afterward by a gradual reduction of the bulk of the bed-clothing and the exercise of ordinary prudence he may be readjusted to the usual temperatures.

RICE-WATER FOR INVALIDS. — I often recommend rice-water in my Summer practice. It is made as follows: Take 4 ounces of rice, and wash carefully in three waters; in a skillet put a quart of water and boil it; put in the rice and boil until the rice is in a perfect pulp; then strain carefully, and put on the fire again, adding white sugar to taste, and a small piece of cinnamon, or if preferred, a little grated nutmeg; skim if necessary, and strain again; use when cold.

CURCULIO AND COAL TAR. — The lover of plums may take heart. An experiment made by a Canadian fruit-grower shows that of eight plum trees *one* treated to the fumes of coal tar, or gas tar as it is sometimes called, three times a week, bore a full crop of smooth plums, and the seven trees not so treated had no plums hang on till maturity.

The year following he tried the experiment on the seven plum trees, and was rewarded with a full crop from each, while the eighth tree failed entirely. He places under each tree a few corn-cobs or chips that had been dipped in coal tar, and in the calm of the evening, when insects are at home, he treats them to a smoke. He thinks fumigation should begin as soon as the fruit sets, and it should continue until the fruit is fully developed.

Here is certainly encouragement to make war on the little Turk that has robbed us so long of our plums. It costs little to try it.

CHEAP FILTER. — Take an oil barrel, bore a dozen holes in the bottom in circles, not too near the chine or outside rim, set the barrel over corresponding holes or openings in the top of the cistern; put into the barrel first a layer of large pebbles, then a layer of charcoal, until you have several layers of each and the barrel is two-thirds full, then one peck clean sand over all, and the filter is complete. As the sand washes down into the interstices of the gravel, add more until you have half a bushel in the barrel. This is a thorough filter. I have had one in use for years in a manufacturing town using bituminous coal, and the water is clear as river water and free from offensive odor.

APPLE CUSTARD PIE. — One pint of sweet milk and three grated sweet apples, two well-beaten eggs, little salt, sugar, and nutmeg to taste. Have only an undercrust.

A GOOD AND WHOLESOME HARVEST DRINK. — As alcoholic drinks have happily long been driven from the harvest fields, there have been various drinks beside water substituted, but scarcely any of them meeting fully the conditions sought for in the way of a wholesome satisfying beverage. Water, even in all its purity, does not seem to quench the thirst and stimulate the body, as it produces additional perspiration and passes through the pores almost like passing through a colander, leaving the system exhausted and weak; besides, a drink of cold water, when suffering under a great degree of heat, is dangerous, even at times producing sudden death. Latterly in England and elsewhere a drink is prepared by mixing oat-meal with water, in the proportion of three or four ounces to a gallon of water. This is found not only to satisfy the thirst better than water, or molasses and water, even when tempered with vinegar or other acid, but to produce additional strength of body. Oat-meal possesses a peculiar aroma and acts as a stimulant to the surface of the skin as to cause the complete digestion of the liquid. Men employed in an atmosphere of the intensest heat are much comforted with it, and become very fond of it. Hence it is in a measure "victuals and drink," possessing only virtues and without any drawbacks whatever.

Just now the time is here to give it a trial, and we shall be glad if at the end of the season those substituting the oat-meal and water will make report as to the results.

CRULLERS.—Two cupfuls sugar, one cupful butter, three eggs, three cupfuls flour, one cupful sweet milk, a small teaspoonful cream of tartar in the flour, a small half teaspoonful soda in the milk, one tablespoonful cinnamon and nutmeg; mix smoothly, roll and cut in any design, and boil in hot lard.

HIMMEL UND ERDE.—Take six large potatoes and six mellow apples; peel them and boil them separately in different vessels; drain both and put the apples in the potatoes; mash thoroughly and add butter and salt.

SPONGE GINGERBREAD.—One cup sour milk, one cup molasses, half a cup butter, two eggs, one and a half teaspoons soda, one quart flour; ginger and spice to taste.

KEEPING EGGS.—For more than twenty years we have preserved eggs until late in the Spring, by simply packing them in a basket (or other open article), points downward (without any dust, ashes, oats, salt, grease, melted wax, mucilage or varnish — all requiring some trouble or cost), and hanging them up in a cool dry place — even in a cellar way. At intervals, for several years past, we have published this cheap and easy method in various papers; but, somehow, the editors and their correspondents, like Naaman, believing that some "great thing" is required, have gone on recommending ashes, oats, salt, melted wax, tallow, varnish, etc., etc., on the theory of "evaporation," as if the facts of our simple and easier method, confirmed by the practice of many years, were not "philosophical," costly, and troublesome enough! If your readers will gather the eggs when fresh, and pack them as above directed, and place them where cool, dry air can freely circulate among them, and yet where they will not freeze, we are confident they will never more trouble themselves with other methods.

A HOUSEWIFE writes to *The Maine Farmer*, that eggs may be "kept as long as you wish" by simply placing in a colander, pouring boiling water over them sufficiently to cook "the thin outside skin" — which excludes the air — and then set them away in a cool place.

DRY BREAD AND COLD MEAT UTILIZED.—Chop your beef very fine, then soak your bread in cold water till it is very soft; take it in the hands and squeeze as much of the water out as you can, having two-thirds as much bread as meat; mix the bread and meat thoroughly together; beat three eggs well and mix in; add salt to taste; make in balls the size of a biscuit and fry slowly in butter or cooking fat till brown on both sides.

KING'S PUDDING.—Beat six eggs; add one quart of sweet milk, one pound of white sugar, one dozen of soda crackers, four large apples, cut in very thin slices, and a little salt. Spice to taste. Bake about two hours.

BUNS.—One cup of milk, one cup of sugar, one cup of yeast, flour to make a batter. Let it rise over night, then add one-half cup melted butter, a cup of sugar, flour to knead it, and let it rise again, then roll and cut into cakes, and let it rise again.

SUET PUDDING. — Two and one-half cupsful flour, one teaspoonful salt, one cup suet chopped fine, two eggs, scant pint milk, one-half teaspoonful soda, one-half cup apples chopped fine, one cup raisins, one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon, three teaspoonsful molasses; steam one and three-quarter hours.

BAKED TOMATO PUDDING. — Take a deep pudding dish and butter the inside of it well; first put in a layer of bread crumbs, then a layer of peeled sliced tomatoes, then a small onion cut very thin; dredge on a little flour, pepper, and salt; now begin with bread crumbs again, tomatoes, onion, and seasoning till the dish is full; the top layer must be bread crumbs, with salt and pepper and a few small bits of butter over it; put this in the oven, keep it covered with a thin plate for an hour, then remove the plate and let it brown. It does not require too hot an oven. It will take at least two hours to bake. Those who wish can add sugar to suit the taste. It is better to send it to table in the dish it is baked in.

FRENCH CREAM CAKE. — Boil scant pint milk; take two eggs and two small tablespoonsful corn starch beaten with a little milk; when the milk boils stir this in slowly with scant cup sugar, one tablespoonful butter, two teaspoonsful lemon essence; make a cake of three eggs, one cupful sugar, one and one-half cupful flour, teaspoonful baking powder, two tablespoonsful milk; bake in three layers, and while warm spread with cream.

GINGER SNAPS. — Boil together one pint of molasses and teacupful of butter. Let it stand till cool; add two tablespoons ginger, and one teaspoonful soda, flour to roll. Bake quick, in thin rounds, on a flat sheet.

RYE CAKES. — Four eggs and a pint of milk, one teaspoonful molasses, one teaspoonful cream of tartar, one-half teaspoon of saleratus. Stir in rye meal enough to make a thick batter. Beat the yolks and whites of eggs separately.

TOMATO PICKLE. — Take the small-sized round tomatoes, those which are called "volunteers"; wash thoroughly and dry; take a knitting-needle and pass it once or twice through each tomato; get a large jar and put in a layer of salt on bottom, then layers of tomatoes and salt until the jar is full; let them remain for a week. To each gallon of tomatoes take 4 ounces of ground mustard, 4 ounces of ground pepper, 1 ounce of cloves, and 12 small onions which have been sliced. Take out tomatoes from jar, wipe them and replace again in the jar, putting in the above ingredients as layers of tomatoes are made. Heat vinegar almost to boiling point and pour on the tomatoes. The tomatoes will keep their form and color.

CUP CAKE. — One cup of butter, one cup of sweet milk, two cups of sugar, three well beaten eggs, four cups of sifted flour, (always sift flour after measuring it,) one-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little hot water, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, sifted in the flour, one cup of raisins well dredged with flour.

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	1880.	1870.	Increase per cent.
Albany, N. Y.....	87,584	76,216	14
Allentown, Pa.....	18,162	14,068	29
Aurora, Ill.....	12,007	11,162	7
Atlanta, Ga.....	45,000	21,709	106
Brooklyn, N. Y.....	554,698	395,099	40
Bloomington, Ill.....	17,800	16,419	8
Baltimore, Md.....	330,000	267,354	23
Boston, Mass.....	452,000	250,526	40
Binghampton, N. Y.	116,000	112,692	7
Buffalo, N. Y.....	149,500	117,714	27
Camden, N. J.....	37,000	20,045	84
Chicago, Ill.....	487,500	298,977	60
Cincinnati, O.....	246,153	216,230	13
Cleveland, O.....	157,946	92,829	71
Columbus, O.....	51,337	31,274	64
Detroit, Mich.....	119,700	79,577	50
Dayton, O.....	39,000	30,473	28
Denver, Col.....	34,000	4,759	614
Elmira, N. Y.....	21,498	15,063	35
Fort Wayne, Ind....	25,957	17,728	47
Galesburg, Ill.....	12,000	10,158	18
Hartford, Conn.....	42,000	37,180	13
Indianapolis, Ind....	77,500	48,244	61
Jacksonville, Ill....	11,500	9,203	23
Jeffersonville, Ind...	10,000	7,524	33
Joliet, Ill.....	11,000	7,263	51
Kansas City, Mo....	56,964	32,260	77
Lansing, Mich.....	8,325	5,241	85
Louisville, Ky.....	112,000	100,753	11
Lowell, Mass.....	61,200	40,928	50
Meriden, Conn.....	19,108	10,495	80
Milwaukee, Wis.....	130,000	71,440	92
Minneapolis, Minn..	45,000	18,066	244
Nashville, Tenn.....	43,377	25,865	67
Nashua, N. H.....	13,387	10,543	27
New Albany, Ind....	17,500	15,096	13
New Haven, Conn....	63,000	50,840	18
New Orleans, La....	207,328	191,408	8
Newark, N. J.....	136,381	105,059	30
New York.....	1,209,561	975,291	24
Peoria, Ill.....	31,780	22,839	38
Philadelphia, Pa....	847,542	674,022	25
Pittsb. & Allegh.....	232,355	130,416	67
Providence, R. I....	104,500	68,904	52
Pottstown, Pa.....	250	4,125	27
Quincy, Ill.....	29,500	24,052	22
Racine, Wis.....	16,500	9,880	84
Rock Island, Ill....	12,248	7,890	55
Rochester, N. Y....	87,057	62,386	40
Rockford, Ill.....	13,400	11,049	21
San Francisco, Cal..	227,350	149,473	51
St. Louis, Mo.....	375,000	310,864	21
St. Paul, Minn.....	40,000	20,030	100
Springfield, Mass...	31,500	26,703	18
Springfield, Ill....	19,500	17,364	12
Troy, N. Y.....	57,000	46,465	23
Utica, N. Y.....	38,923	28,804	35
Wheeling, W. Va....	31,000	19,280	61
Washington, D. C...	160,000	109,199	45
Waterbury, Conn....	22,000	10,826	103
Wilmington, Del....	42,000	30,481	37

Census of 1880.

States.	Population 1870	Population 1880.	Present number of Representatives.	New number of Representatives.
Alabama.....	996,992	1,153,600	8	7
Arkansas.....	484,471	761,500	4	4
California.....	560,241	863,000	4	5
Colorado.....	39,861	195,161	1	1
Connecticut.....	37,454	623,133	4	4
Delaware.....	125,095	146,620	1	1
Florida.....	187,748	275,000	2	2
Georgia.....	1,184,109	1,539,341	9	9
Illinois.....	2,539,891	3,125,000	19	19
Indiana.....	1,680,637	2,051,500	13	12
Iowa.....	1,194,020	1,435,226	9	9
Kansas.....	364,399	1,009,101	3	6
Kentucky.....	1,321,011	1,734,331	10	11
Louisiana.....	726,915	920,000	6	6
Maine.....	626,915	645,800	5	4
Maryland.....	780,894	921,454	6	6
Massachusetts.....	1,457,351	1,783,812	11	11
Michigan.....	1,184,659	1,600,000	9	10
Minnesota.....	439,706	780,072	3	5
Mississippi.....	827,922	930,000	6	6
Missouri.....	1,721,295	2,375,952	13	14
Nebraska.....	122,993	452,542	1	3
Nevada.....	42,491	53,188	1	1
New Hampshire.....	318,300	347,344	3	2
New Jersey.....	906,096	1,100,000	7	7
New York.....	4,382,759	5,080,000	33	31
North Carolina.....	1,071,361	1,410,138	8	8
Ohio.....	2,655,266	3,202,000	20	19
Oregon.....	94,923	175,535	1	1
Pennsylvania.....	3,521,951	4,222,707	27	26
Rhode Island.....	217,353	276,770	2	2
South Carolina.....	705,606	954,410	5	5
Tennessee.....	1,258,520	1,550,000	10	9
Texas.....	818,519	1,600,000	6	10
Vermont.....	33,554	334,455	3	2
Virginia.....	1,225,163	1,600,000	9	10
West Virginia.....	442,014	640,000	3	4
Wisconsin.....	1,054,670	1,304,099	8	8
Total.....	38,558,371	49,157,404	293	300

The Territories have no Representatives. The population is as follows:

	1870.	1880.
Arizona.....	9,658	23,000
Dakota.....	14,181	124,000
District Columbia.....	131,700	180,000
Idaho.....	14,999	30,000
Montana.....	20,595	39,000
New Mexico.....	91,874	150,000
Utah.....	86,786	144,000
Washington.....	23,955	50,000
Wyoming.....	9,118	50,000
Total.....	382,866	782,000

The Farmer's Wife.

The farmer came in from the field one day;
His languid step and his weary way,
His beaded brow, his sinewy hand,
All showed his work for the good of the land;
For he sows, sows, sows,
For he hoes, hoes, hoes,
And he mows, mows, mows,
All for the good of the land.

By the kitchen fire stood his patient wife.
Light of his home and joy of his life.
With face all aglow and busy hand
Preparing the meal for her household band;
For she must boil, boil, boil,
And she must broil, broil, broil,
And she must toil, toil, toil,
All for the good of the home.

The bright sun shines when the farmer goes out,
The birds sing sweet songs, lambs frisk about;
The brook babbles softly in the glen
While he works so bravely for the good of the men;
For he sows, sows, sows,
For he mows, mows, mows,
And he hoes, hoes, hoes,
All for the good of the land.

How briskly the wife steps about within,
The dishes to wash, the milk to skim;
The fire goes out, the flies buzz about;
For the dear ones at home her heart is kept stout.
There are pies to make, make, make,
There is bread to bake, bake, bake.
And steps to take, take, take.
All for the sake of the home.

When the day is o'er and evening has come.
The creatures are fed, the milking done,
He takes his rest 'neath the old shade-tree,
From the labor of the land his thoughts are free;
Though he sows, sows, sows,
And he hoes, hoes, hoes,
And he mows, mows, mows,
He rests from the work of the land.

But the faithful wife, from sun to sun,
Takes her burden up that's never done;
There is no rest, there is no play,
For the good of her house she must work away:
For to mend the frock, frock, frock,
For to knit the sock, sock, sock,
And the cradle to rock, rock, rock,
All for the good of the home.

When autumn is here, with its chilling blast,
The farmer gathers his crops at last;
His barns are full, his fields are bare;
For the good of the land he ne'er hath care.
While it blows, blows, blows,
And it snows, snows, snows,
Till winter goes, goes, goes,
He rests from the work of the land.

But the willing wife, till life's closing day,
Is the children's guide, the husband's stay;
From day to day she has done her best,
Until death alone can give her rest;
For after the test, test, test,
Comes the rest, rest, rest,
With the blest, blest, blest,
In the Father's heavenly home.

Christian's Clock.

BY E. BEDELL BENJAMIN.

"And Christian made a shrine for the hours
the Lord had given him; and from the shrine a
golden chain was linked to the great bell at the
prayer-gate, and when the bell struck, the angel
opened the gate and gave back the answer."

The bell tolls ONE.
Teach me to say,
"Thy will be done."

The bell tolls TWO.
Help me each day
Thy will to do.

The bell tolls THREE.
I ask in FAITH
To follow Thee.

The bell tolls FOUR.
I pray for trust
For evermore.

The bell tolls FIVE.
For Christian speech
Help me to strive.

The bell tolls SIX.
Teach me my HOPE
On Thee to fix.

The bell tolls SEVEN.
Oh, make my life
A way to heaven.

The bell tolls EIGHT.
May I in peace
And patience wait.

The bell tolls NINE.
Let CHARITY
Be ever mine.

The bell tolls TEN.
I pray for love
To God and men.

It tolls ELEVEN.
Let me each hour
Be nearer heaven.

TWELVE strokes I hear!
Now PERFECT LOVE
Hath cast out fear.

Decoration Day.

Silently, solemnly marching on,
Under the sun of the sweet May sky,
Bearing our burdens of bloom and vine
To graves where our sleeping comrades lie.
One at the foot and one at the head
Place we the wreaths o'er our cherished dead.
Blue skies that love them
Bending above them,
Tenderly keeping
Watch o'er their sleeping.

Peacefully, quietly now they rest,
We, as we follow our Flag to-day,
Bear not the weapons we bore of old,
But cross and wreath of the flowers of May.
One at the foot and one at the head
Place we the wreaths o'er our cherished dead.
Blue skies that love them
Bending above them,
Tenderly keeping
Watch o'er their sleeping.

Brightly and warmly the sunbeams fall,
Each tiny blossom doth shine and glow,
With the love of a nation's thankful heart,
For the martyred dead who sleep below.
One at the foot and one at the head
Place we the wreaths o'er our cherished dead,
Blue skies that love them
Bending above them,
Tenderly keeping
Watch o'er their sleeping.

Solemnly, silently marching on,
Led by the flag which they died to save,
Scattering garlands of vine and bloom
Lovingly over each comrade's grave.
One at the foot and one at the head
Place we the wreaths o'er our cherished dead.
Blue skies that love them
Bending above them,
Tenderly keeping
Watch o'er their sleeping.

Tired Out.

He does well who does his best;
Is he weary? let him rest.
Brothers! I have done my best,
I am weary — let me rest.
After toiling oft in vain,
Baffled, yet to struggle fain;
After toiling long, to gain
Little good with mickle pain,
Let me rest. But lay me low,
Where the hedgeside roses blow;
Where the little daisies grow,
Where the winds a-maying go;

Where the footpath rustics plod,
Where the breeze-bowed poplars nod;
Where the old woods worship God,
Where His pencil paints the sod;
Where the wedded throstle sings,
Where the young bird tries his wings:
Where the wailing plover swings,
Near the runlet's rushing springs!
Where, at times, the tempest's roar,
Shaking distant sea and shore,
Still will rave old Barnesdale o'er,
To be heard by me no more!
There, beneath the breezy west,
Tired and thankful, let me rest,
Like a child that sleepeth best
On its mother's gentle breast.

My Way.

They told me of a way
That I must go;
Whether 'twas long or short
They did not know.

I did not listen then,
Nor understand,
Until my Father came
And took my hand.

"I am thy guide," he said,
"Leave all with me."
And so I went with him
All trustingly.

And now we journey on,
Day after day;
I have no need of care,
He knows the way.

My sandals are his strength;
And his great love
The staff that helps me toward
The home above.

He holds my hand in his;
How can I fear?
It is not hard to trust
While he is near.

I do not know how long
The way will be;
I only know it is
The best for me.

And when no longer here
He bids me roam,
I shall behold with joy
My Father's home.

Out and Into.

He brought us out . . . that He might bring us in. — Deut. vi: 23.

Out of the distance and darkness so deep,
Out of the settled and perilous sleep,
Out of the region and shadow of death,
Out of its foul and pestilent breath;
Out of the bondage and wearying chains,
Out of companionship ever with stains:
 Into the light and glory of God,
 Into the holiest, made clean by blood,
 Into His arms, the embrace and the kiss,
 Into the scene of ineffable bliss,
 Into the quiet and infinite calm,
 Into the place of the song and the psalm.
Wonderful love, that has wrought all for me!
Wonderful work that has thus set me so free!
Wonderful ground, upon which I have come!
Wonderful tenderness, welcoming home!

Out of disaster and ruin complete,
Out of the struggle and dreary defeat,
Out of my sorrow, and bondage, and shame,
Out of the evils too fearful to name,
Out of my guilt and the criminal's doom,
Out of the dreading, and terror, and gloom:
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Wonderful purpose, that ne'er gave me up!

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Out of myself and all I called life,
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Out of the longings that nothing could fill:
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 Into Christ Jesus — there ever to dwell,
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